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OKAY, EMILY.
I THINK THIS IS A
GOOD PLACE TO
START.

REMEMBER
WHAT I SAID?

STAY FOCUSED
ON THE CLIMB.
NOT WHAT'S
BELOW.

THAT'S
RIGHT.
YOU JUST
KEEP YOUR
EYES UP.

BUT YOU'LL
BE READY FOR
ME IF I FALL,
RIGHT?

ALWAYS.

DAD, THESE
ROCKS ARE
WOBBLY!

STAY
FOCUSED.

YOU'RE DOING
GREAT.







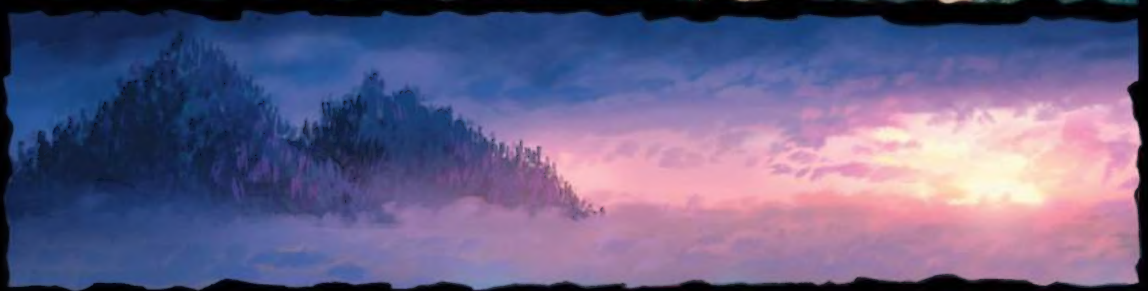
IT'S TOO BAD
YOUR MOTHER
AND BROTHER
COULDN'T BE
HERE TO SEE
THIS.



I'M SURE
THEY WOULD
HAVE LOVED
IT.



WE CAN
BRING THEM
PHOTOS.





HEY, YOU'VE
BEEN SO QUIET.

WHAT ARE
YOU THINKING
ABOUT?



THIS
CAMPING
TRIP.

WHAT
ABOUT IT?



IT NEVER
HAPPENED.



THAT'S A
STRANGE
THING TO
SAY.

I'D SAY
IT'S HAPPENING
RIGHT NOW.

NO.
IT'S
NOT.



WE PLANNED
ON TAKING THIS
TRIP WHILE MOM
AND NAVIN WERE
VISITING AUNT
VICTORIA.

BUT WE NEVER
DID.

A WEEK BEFORE
THE TRIP, WE WERE
IN A TERRIBLE
CAR ACCIDENT.

MOM AND
I SURVIVED.

BUT YOU
DIDN'T.

EMILY.

DAD,
YOU DIDN'T
SURVIVE THE
CRASH.

EM,
YOU WERE JUST
HAVING A BAD
DREAM.

EVERYTHING'S
OKAY.

I WISH
THAT WERE
TRUE.

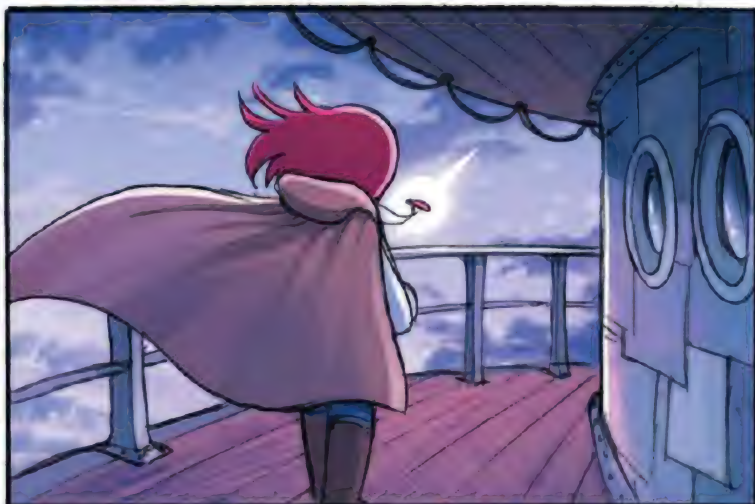
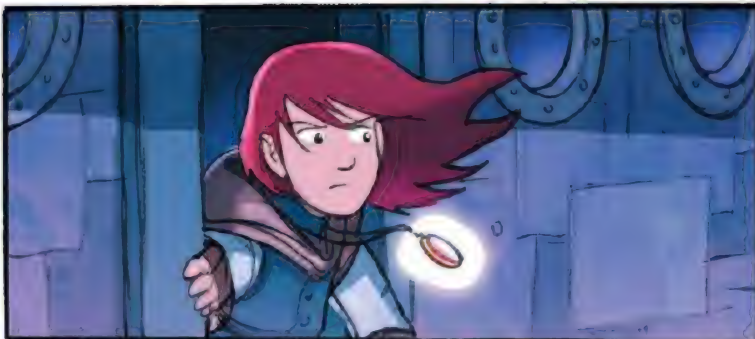
BUT IT'S
NOT.

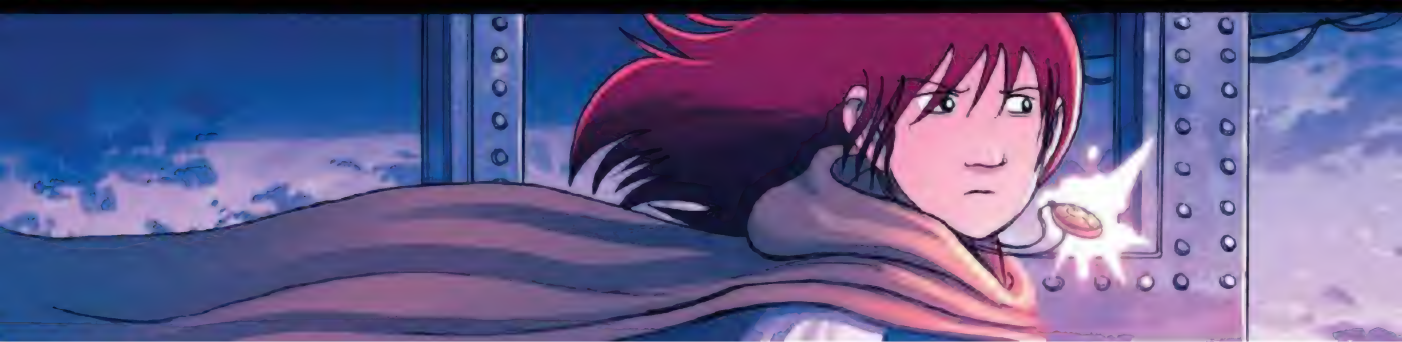
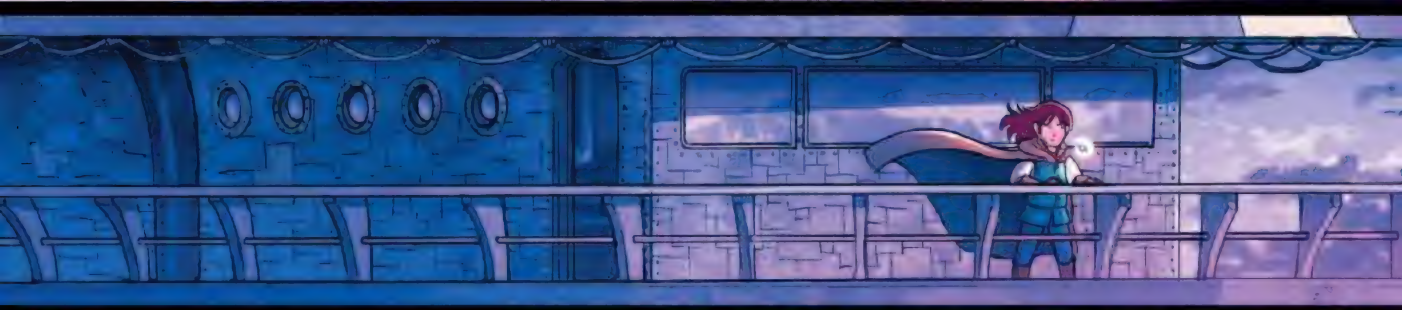
I MISS YOU
SO MUCH,
DAD.

I MISS
YOU TOO,
SWEETIE.

I MISS YOU,
TOO...









I HAVE NEVER
HEARD OF
ALGOS ISLAND,
CHIEF.

SO I'M NOT
SURPRISED WE
CAN'T FIND IT ON
ANY MAP.



WE'RE NOT
FOLLOWING A
MAP.

EMILY IS
GUIDED BY
HER STONE.

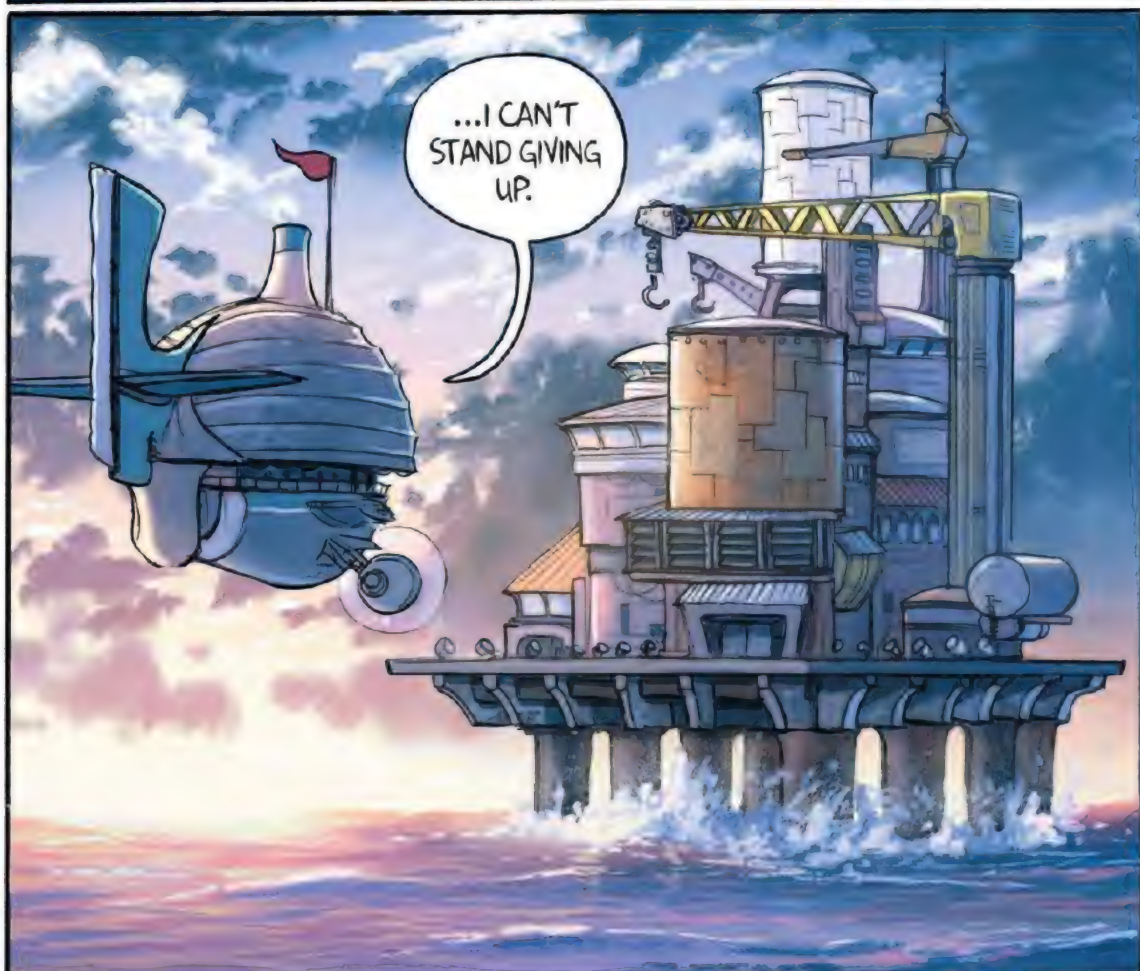


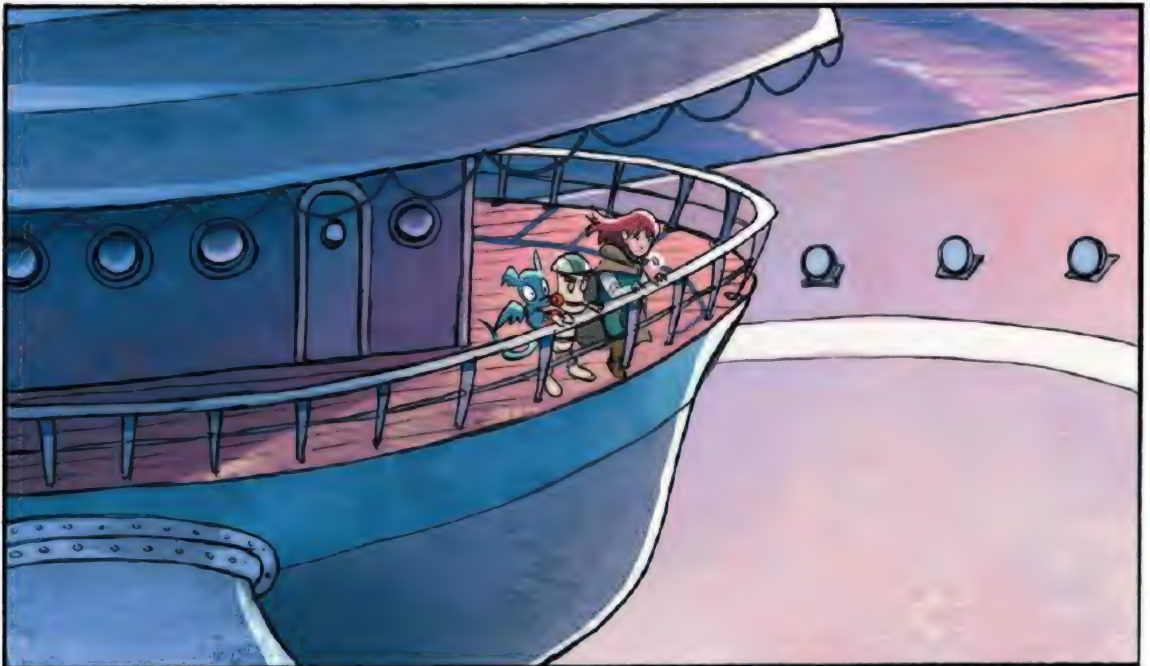
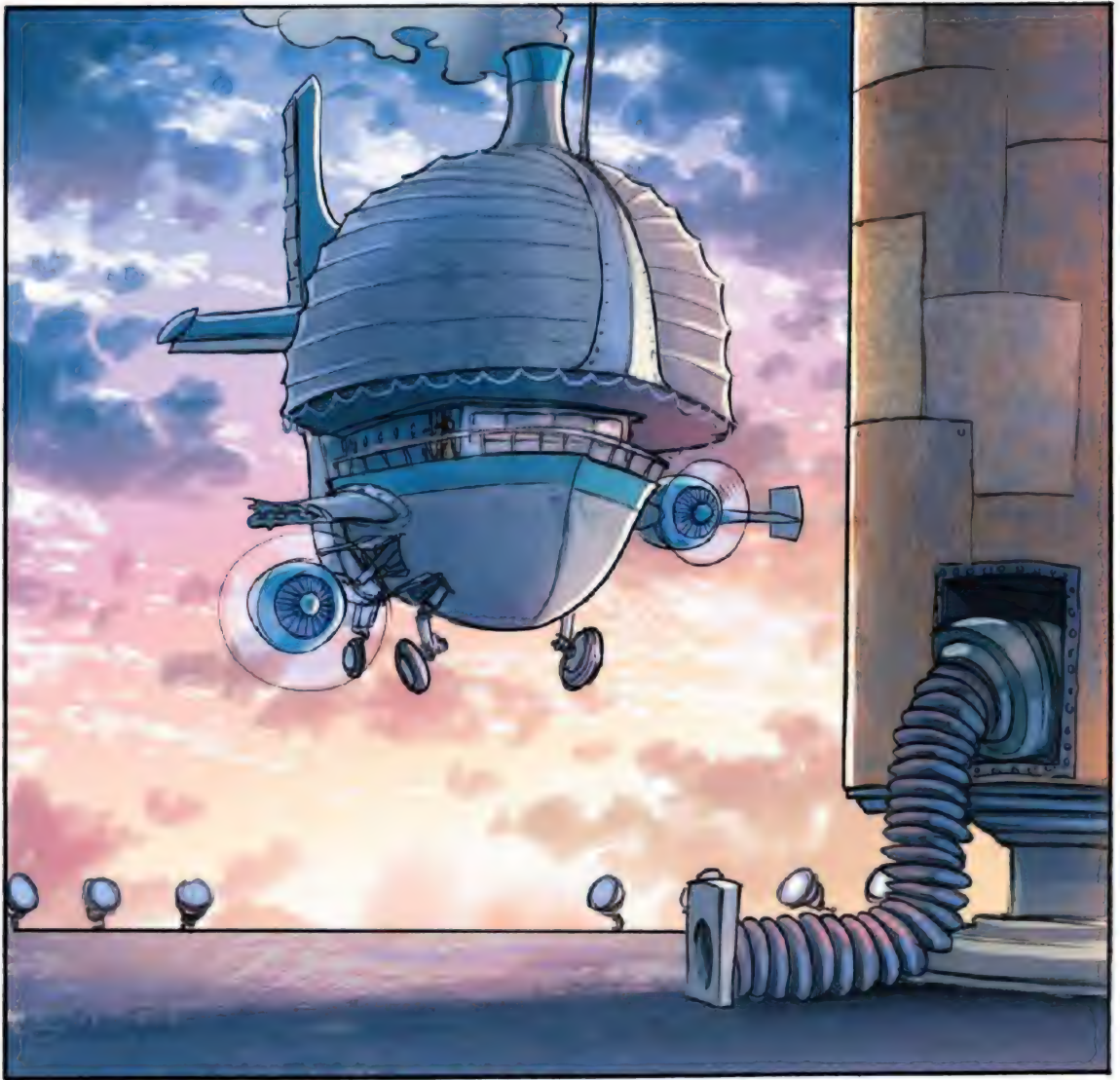
WHAT'S ON
THIS ISLAND,
ANYWAY?

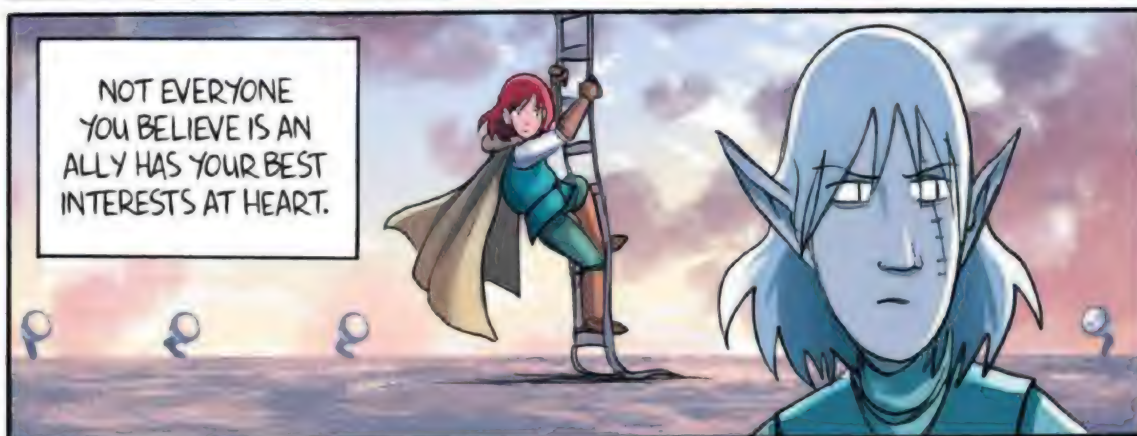
WHATEVER
IT IS, I GET
HALF OF IT!

IT'S NOT
TREASURE,
ENZO.













WHAT DOES THE
ELF ARMY HAVE TO
GAIN FROM DOING
THIS WITHOUT TAKING
THE RESOURCES?

IT'S
PUZZLING.

VIGO--

YOU ASSUME
THIS WAS DONE
BY THE ELVES.



THIS WASN'T
DONE BY MY
PEOPLE.

THEY WOULD
HAVE TAKEN
PRISONERS.



WHOEVER
RANSACKED THIS
STATION--



DIDN'T TAKE
PRISONERS.





WHAT MORE
DO YOU WANT,
STONEKEEPER?



YOU MONSTERS
HAVE TAKEN EVERY-
THING FROM ME.

MY BUSINESS.
MY FAMILY. WHAT
MORE DO YOU
WANT?

YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO
PROTECT US.



ALL I HAVE
LEFT IS MY
LIFE.

ARE YOU
HERE TO TAKE
THAT, TOO?

N-NO.
I'M HERE
TO HELP.



YOU'RE MUCH
TOO LATE FOR
THAT.



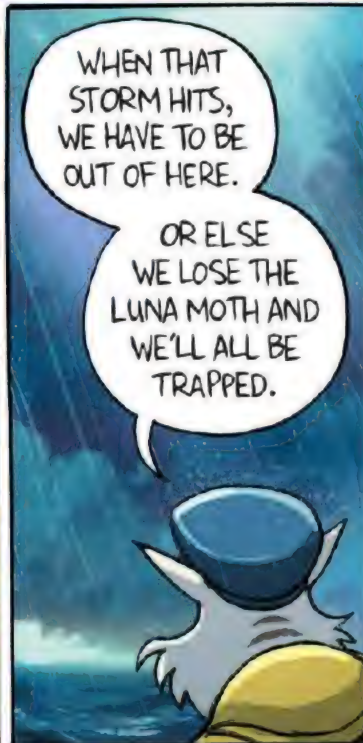
MUCH
TOO LATE...

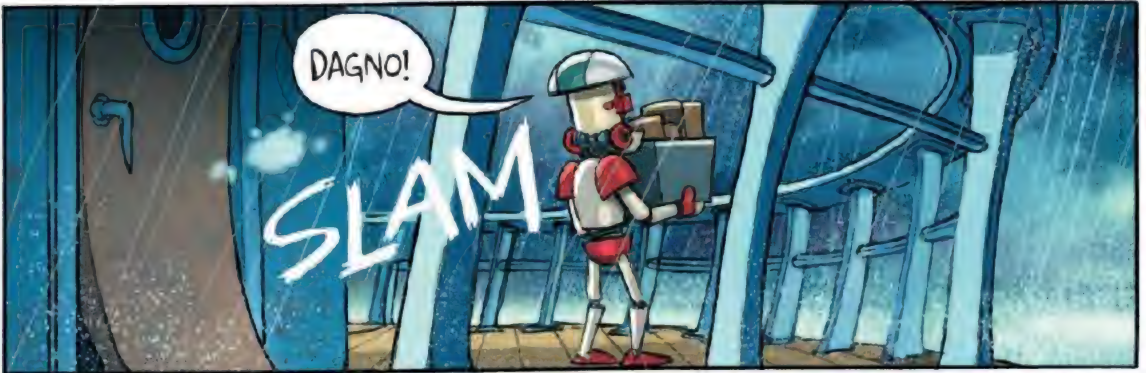


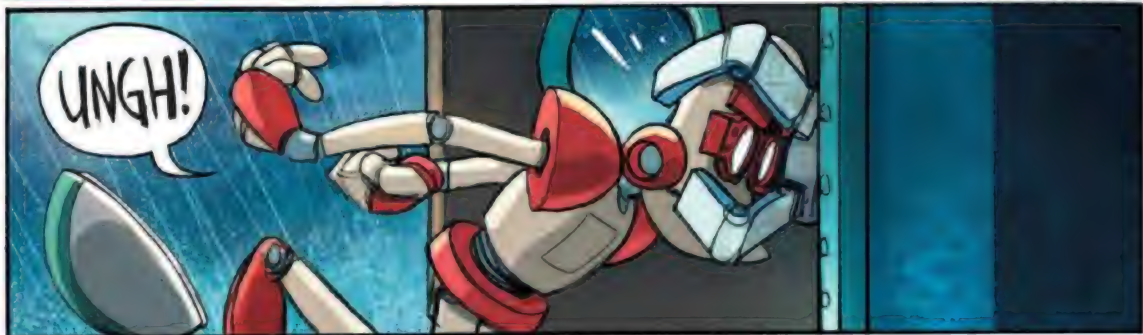


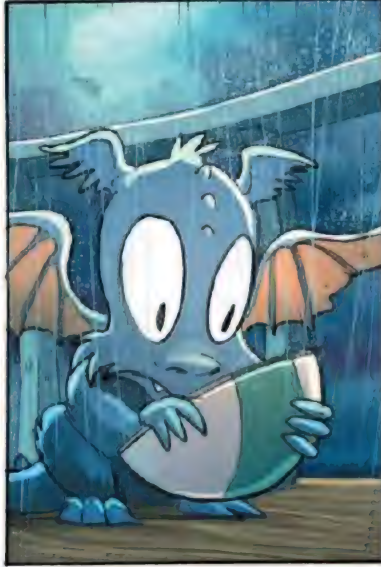
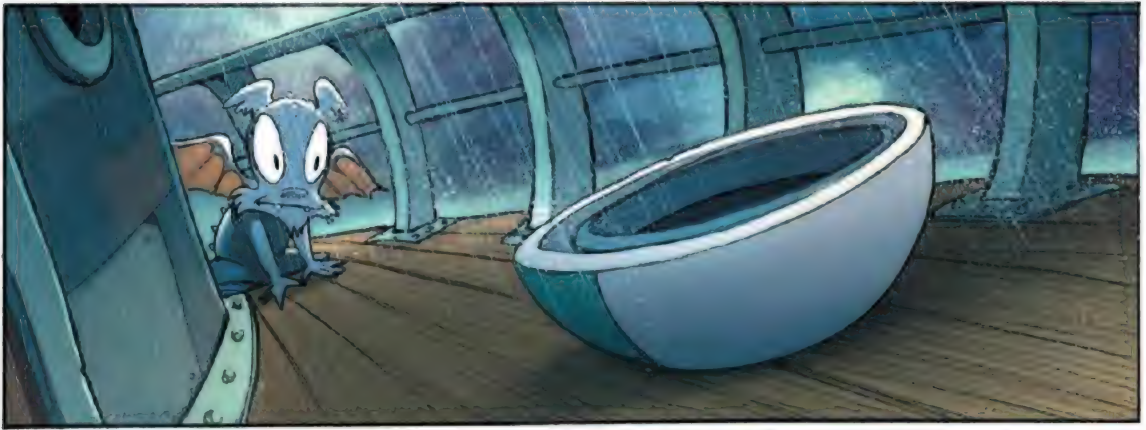










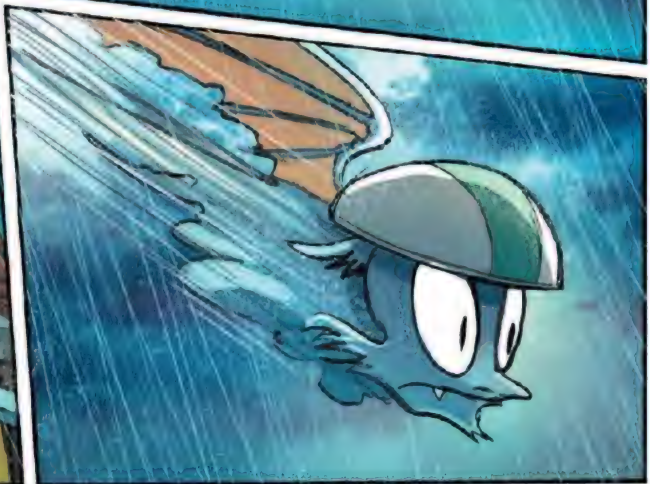
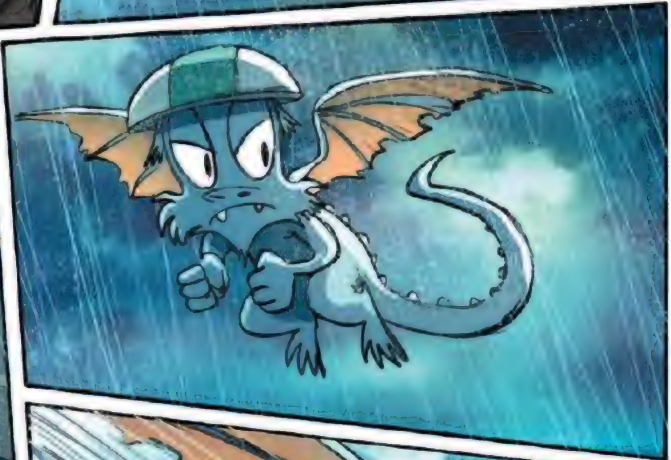
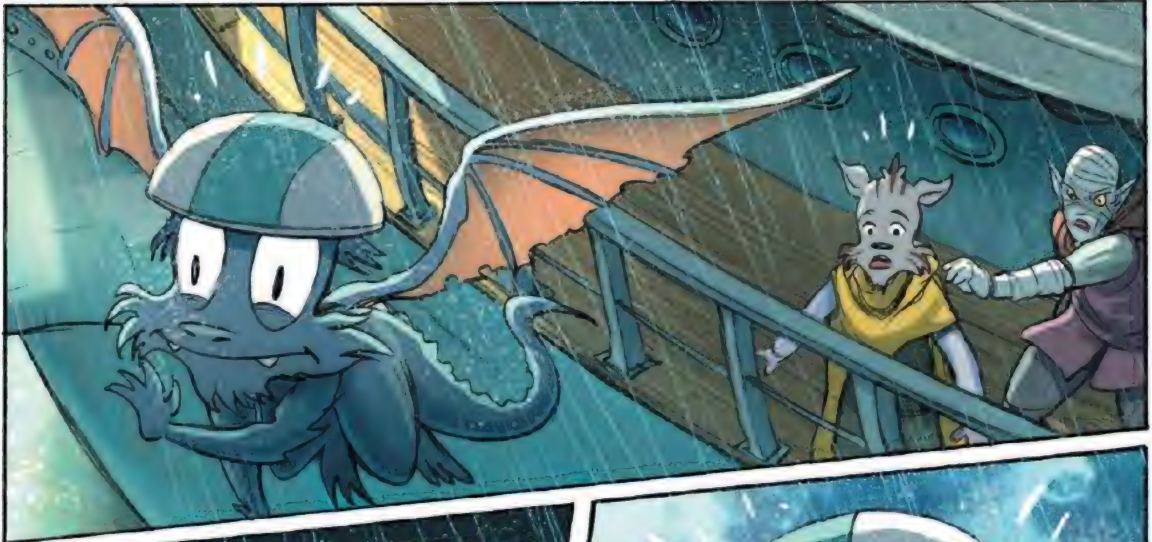










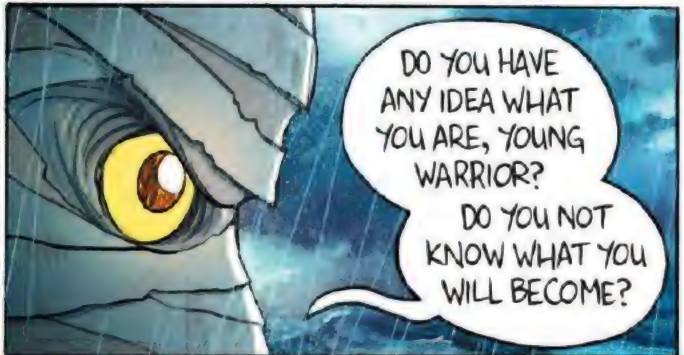


















GABILAN WAS
HIRED BY THE ELF
KING TO KILL
TRELLIS.

HE'S A RUTHLESS
BOUNTY HUNTER,
EMILY.

HOW CAN
YOU POSSIBLY
TRUST HIM?



GABILAN IS
NOT OUR
ENEMY.

AFTER WHAT
HE'S DONE?!

HOW CAN YOU
SAY THAT?!



HE WARNED ME
ABOUT THE STONE
AND I DIDN'T
LISTEN.

I CAN'T LET
THAT HAPPEN
AGAIN.

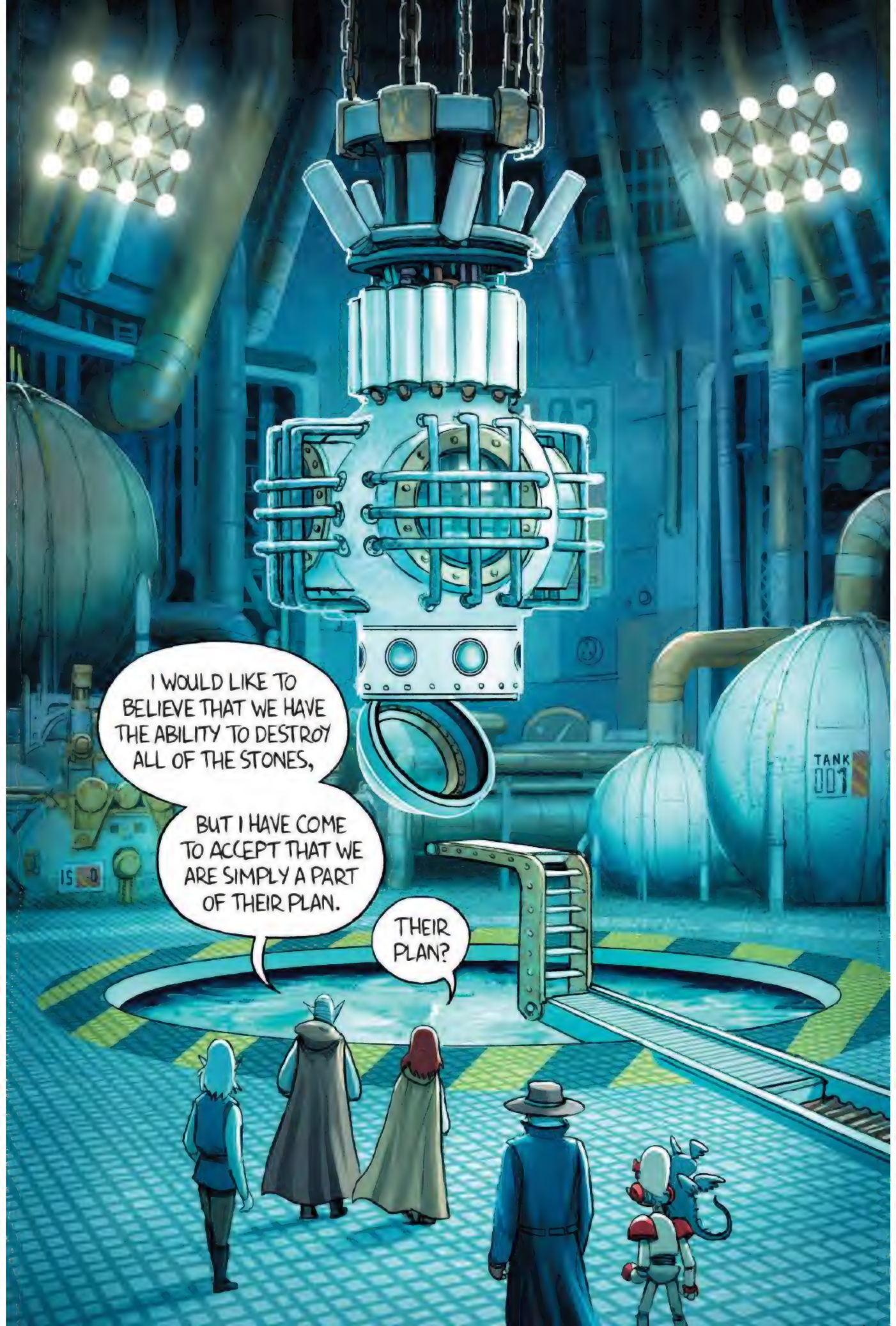


YOU REALLY
BELIEVE YOU CAN
STOP WHAT'S
COMING?

KRK!



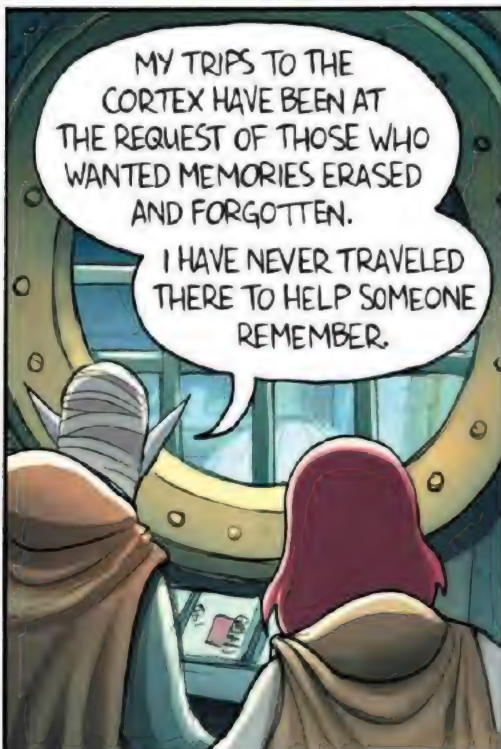
THE MAGIC IN THE
STONES IS FAR MORE
POWERFUL THAN
YOU REALIZE.

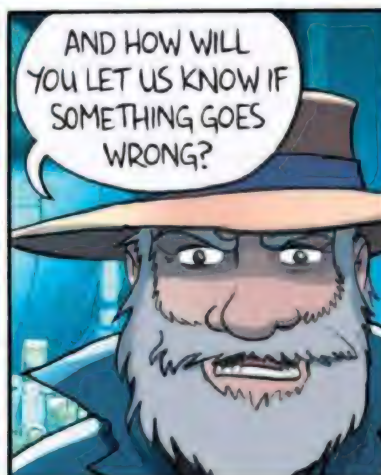


I WOULD LIKE TO
BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE
THE ABILITY TO DESTROY
ALL OF THE STONES,

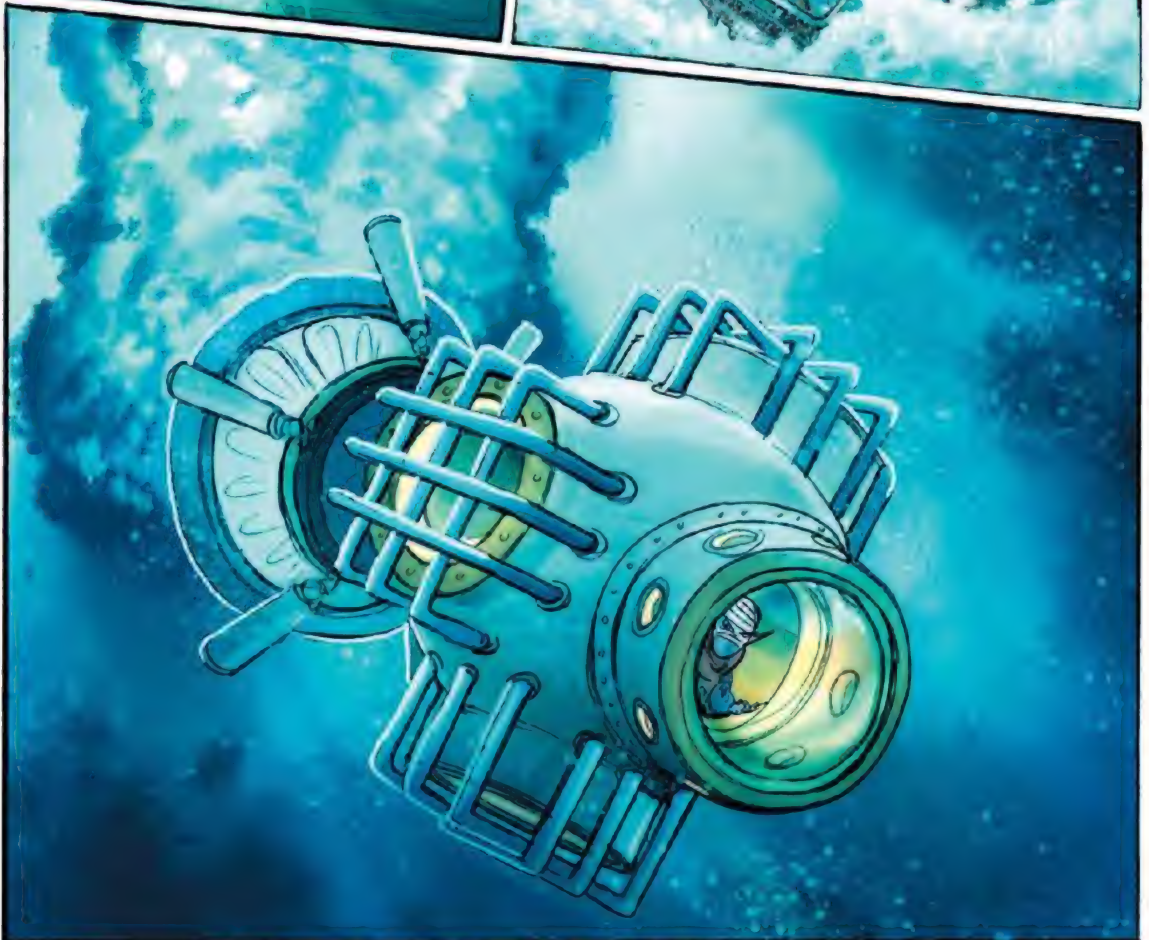
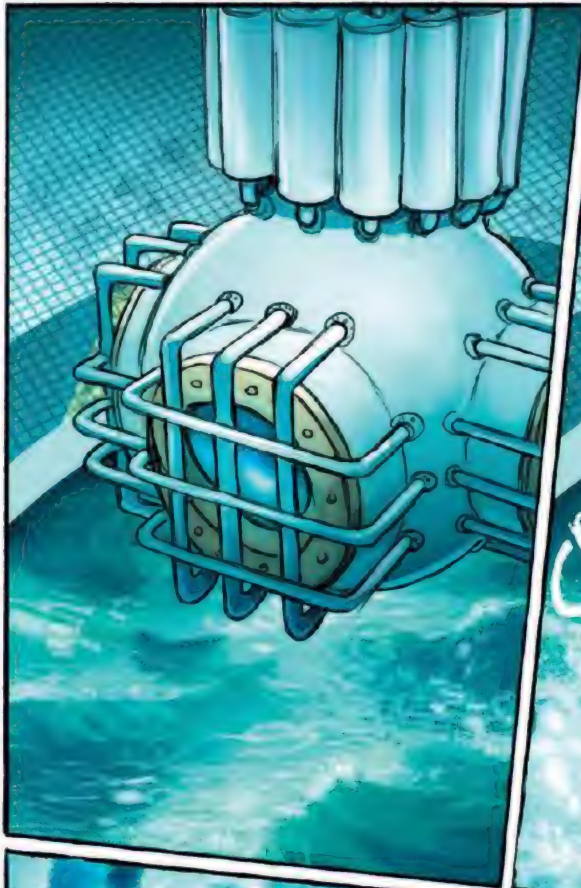
BUT I HAVE COME
TO ACCEPT THAT WE
ARE SIMPLY A PART
OF THEIR PLAN.

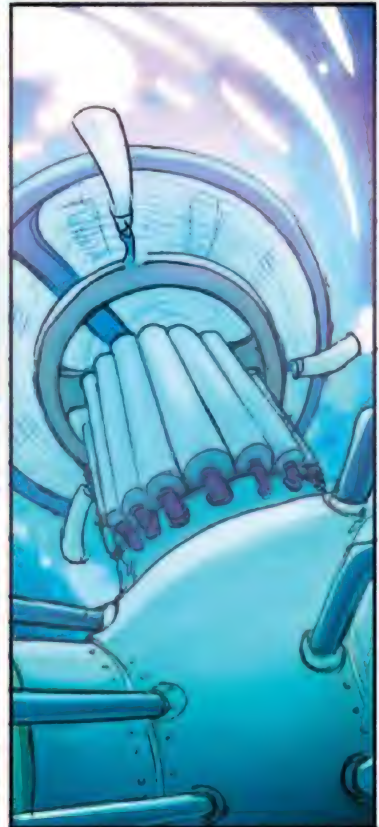
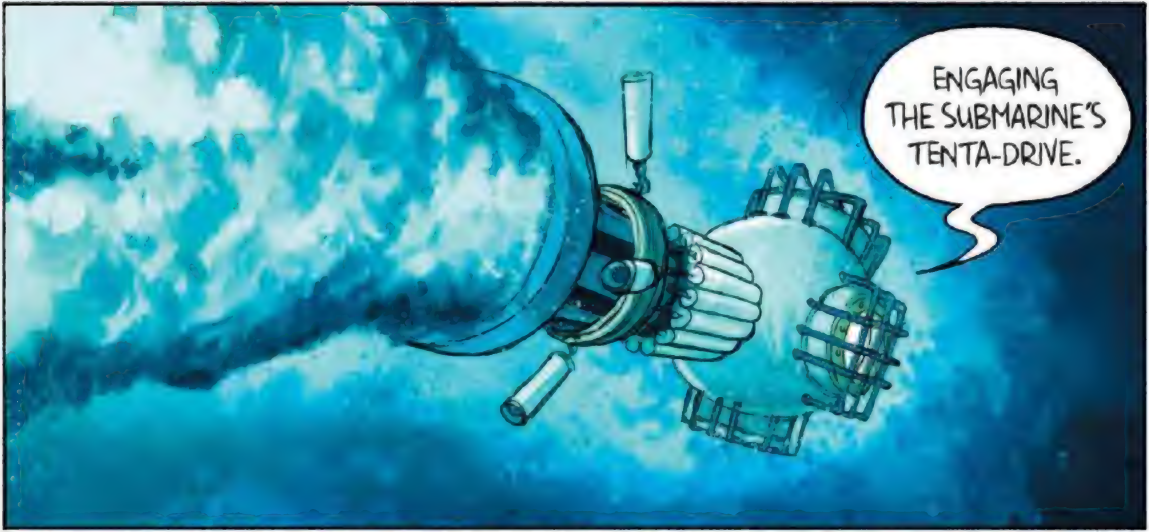
THEIR
PLAN?









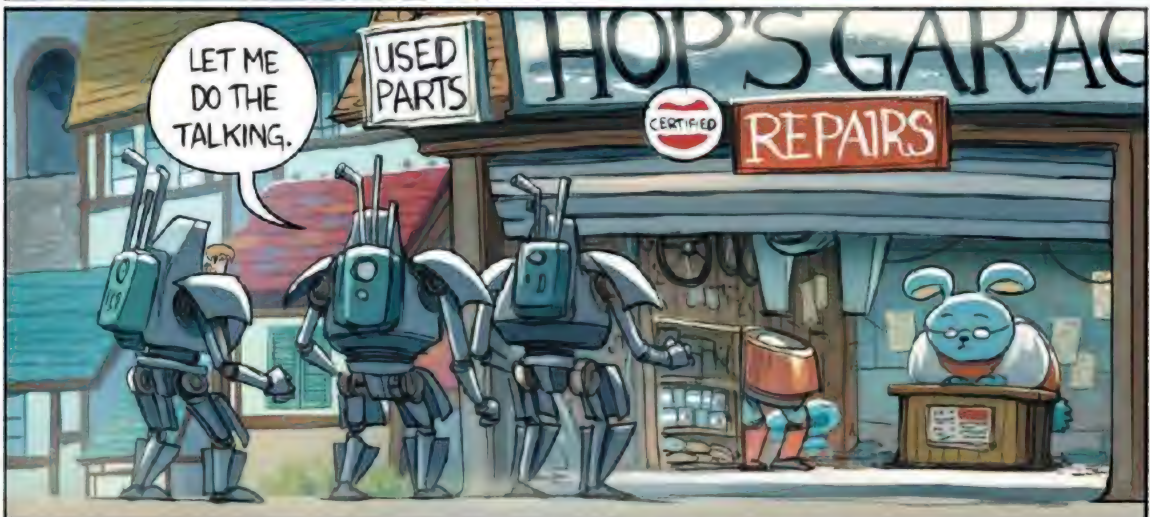






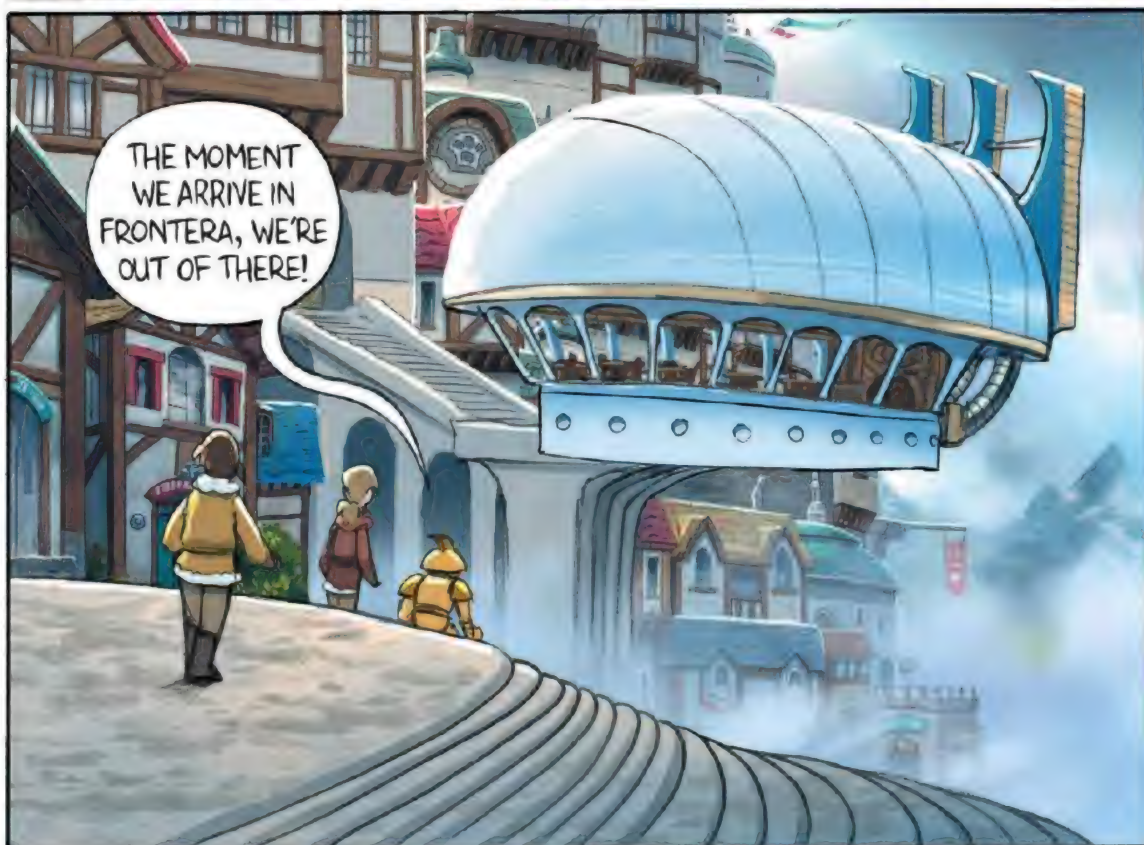














ISN'T THAT DISHONEST?

MISS HUNTER --
PEOPLE
DO IT ALL
THE TIME!

SAYING THEY
WILL DO SOME-
THING AND THEY
JUST DON'T
DO IT.

IT'S
NORMAL!



THAT'S NOT
HOW WE DO
THINGS.
WE TELL
THEM THE
TRUTH.



THIS MIGHT
JEOPARDIZE THE
ENTIRE MISSION,
COMMANDER.
WE MAY NOT
GET PERMISSION
TO BOARD!



SO BE IT.
BUT I WON'T
LIE TO THEM.



GOOD
GRIEF.



I ASKED FOR
EXPERIENCED
KITCHEN STAFF
AND THEY SEND
ME KIDS!

THIS IS
A JOKE,
RIGHT?!

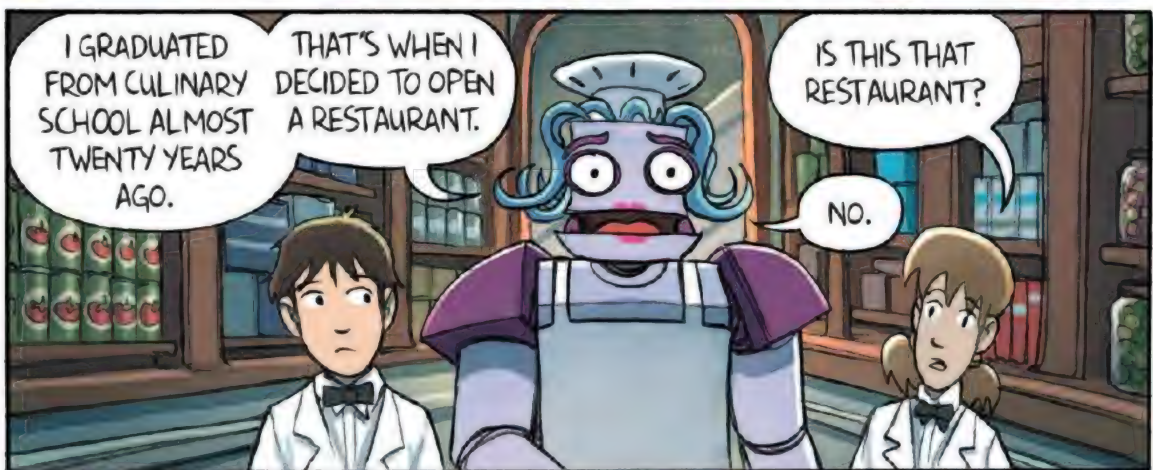
















MY FIRST RESTAURANT
WENT OUT OF BUSINESS.
I FAILED COMPLETELY.




AND IT WAS ONE OF
THE BEST THINGS THAT
COULD HAVE HAPPENED.

WHY?



BECAUSE I
WASN'T READY
FOR IT.

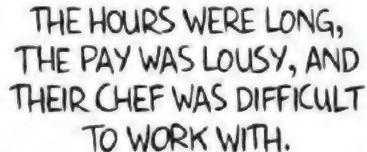


AFTER WE CLOSED,
I THOUGHT I WOULD
NEVER COOK AGAIN.


IT TOOK ME SOME
TIME TO GET BACK
ON MY FEET.




I REALIZED THAT I NEEDED
A JOB, SO I WENT TO WORK
AS A SOUS CHEF AT ANOTHER
RESTAURANT.



THE HOURS WERE LONG,
THE PAY WAS LOUSY, AND
THEIR CHEF WAS DIFFICULT
TO WORK WITH.



THAT SENSE OF FAILURE,
EXHAUSTION, AND FEELING
OVERWORKED ALL LED TO ME
QUESTIONING WHY I CHOSE
TO DO THIS AT ALL.

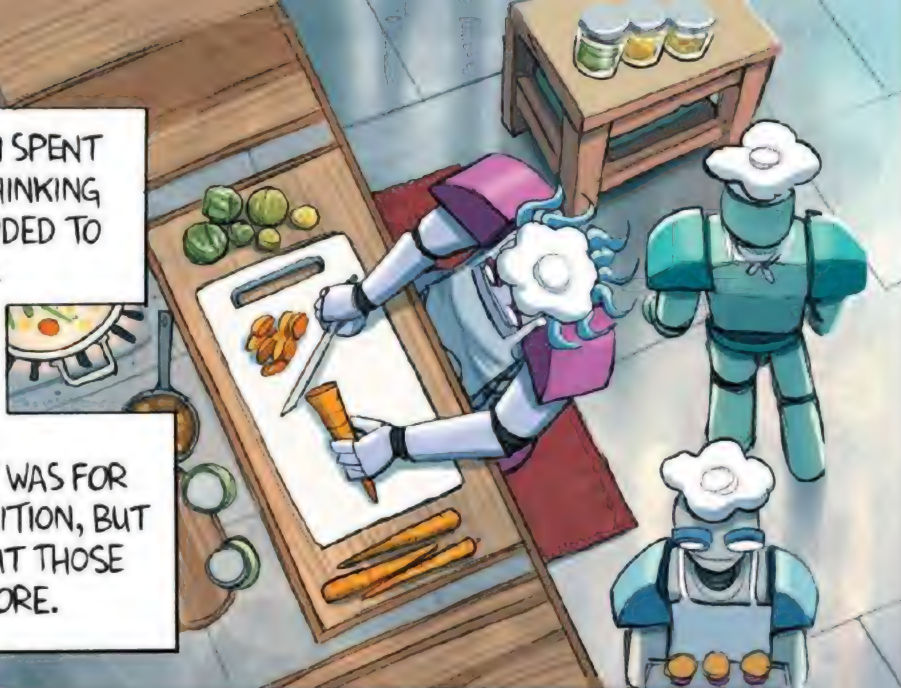


SURELY THERE WAS A
BETTER WAY TO SPEND
MY DAYS THAN TO MAKE
MYSELF HATE SOMETHING
I ONCE LOVED TO DO.

WHILE I WORKED I SPENT
A LOT OF TIME THINKING
ABOUT WHY I DECIDED TO
BE A CHEF.

WHY DID I DEDICATE
SO MUCH OF MY LIFE
TO THIS?

I USED TO THINK IT WAS FOR
SUCCESS OR RECOGNITION, BUT
I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THOSE
THINGS ANYMORE.



AND THEN ONE EVENING,
WHILE PREPARING FOR A
BUSY NIGHT AT WORK,
I REALIZED WHAT IT WAS
AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN.

IT'S FAMILY.

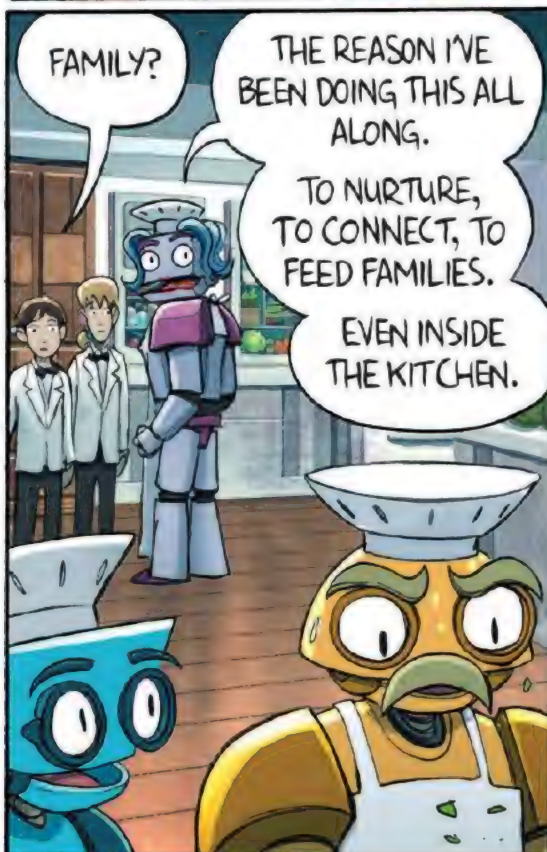


FAMILY?

THE REASON I'VE
BEEN DOING THIS ALL
ALONG.

TO NURTURE,
TO CONNECT, TO
FEED FAMILIES.

EVEN INSIDE
THE KITCHEN.

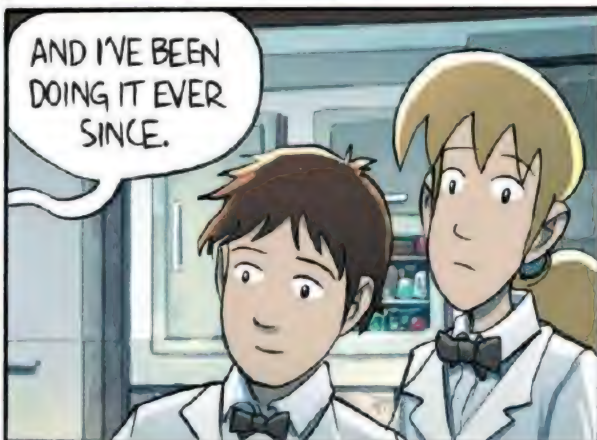


AS A CHILD, I
BEGAN COOKING TO
FEED MY BROTHERS
AND SISTERS.

EVEN MY
PARENTS AND
GRANDPARENTS.



AND I'VE BEEN
DOING IT EVER
SINCE.





WHEN I OPENED THIS PLACE, I WANTED TO RE-CREATE THE FEELING I HAD WHEN I COOKED FOR MY FAMILY.

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU'RE FROM, DINING AT SUZY'S SHOULD MAKE YOU FEEL AT HOME.

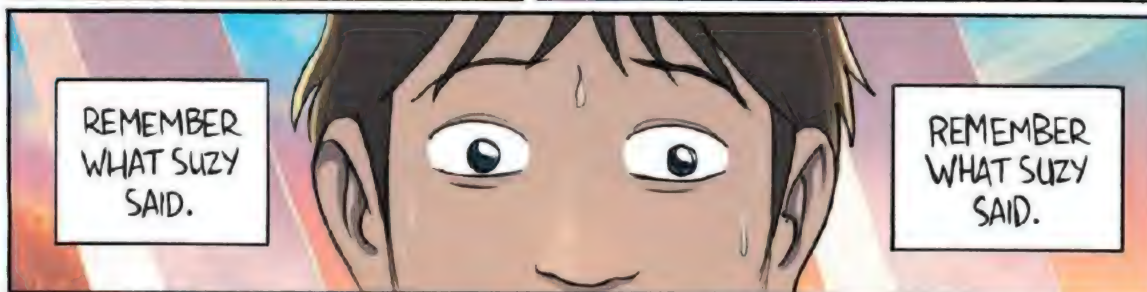


THE WORLD IS A CRAZY PLACE, GETTING WEIRDER BY THE DAY--



SO IT'S NICE FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PLACE TO GO THAT THEY CAN CALL HOME.

REMEMBER THAT TONIGHT, OKAY?



REMEMBER WHAT SUZY SAID.

REMEMBER WHAT SUZY SAID.



MAKE EVERYONE FEEL LIKE THEY'RE AT HOME.













PROVE IT!

SHE TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU THIS.



A GOLDEN COIN OF THE BOATMEN!
ONLY RIVA HAS ACCESS TO
WHY ARE THESE!
YOU DISGUISED AS A SOLDIER?



BEING A SOLDIER GAVE ME THE ACCESS I NEEDED TO FIND YOU.

SOME DAYS IT'S HELPFUL TO BE AN ELF.



THERE'S A VESSEL WAITING FOR US OUTSIDE.

WE HAVE TO SNEAK OUT.

IF WE JUST TALK TO SUZY, I'M SURE SHE'LL LET US GO.

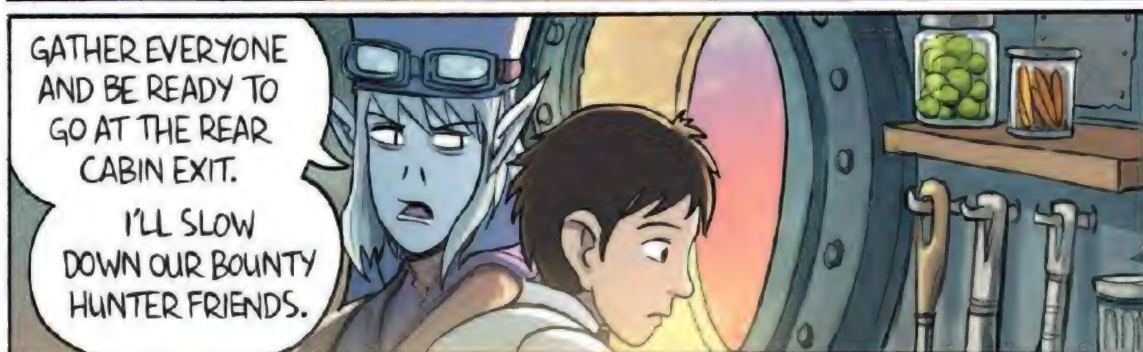


IS SUZY YOUR EMPLOYER?

THAT'S NOT WHO I'M WORRIED ABOUT.

WE'LL PROBABLY NEED HER HELP.

IT'S A FEW OF THE DINERS ON THIS SHIP WHO GIVE CAUSE FOR CONCERN.







I AM DOING
WHAT IS BEST
FOR THE
ELVES.
THEY ARE
FUGITIVES
WANTED BY
THE KING.



WE CAPTURE
AND BRING THEM
TO JUSTICE.
WE GET PAID.
EVERYBODY WINS.



HOW CAN
YOU BELIEVE
THAT?



YOU AND I
BOTH KNOW HE'S
NOT THE REAL
KING.

SOMETHING
AFFLICTS HIM. HE
IS POSSESSED!

THAT IS
THE WORLD'S
PROBLEM.

NOT MINE.



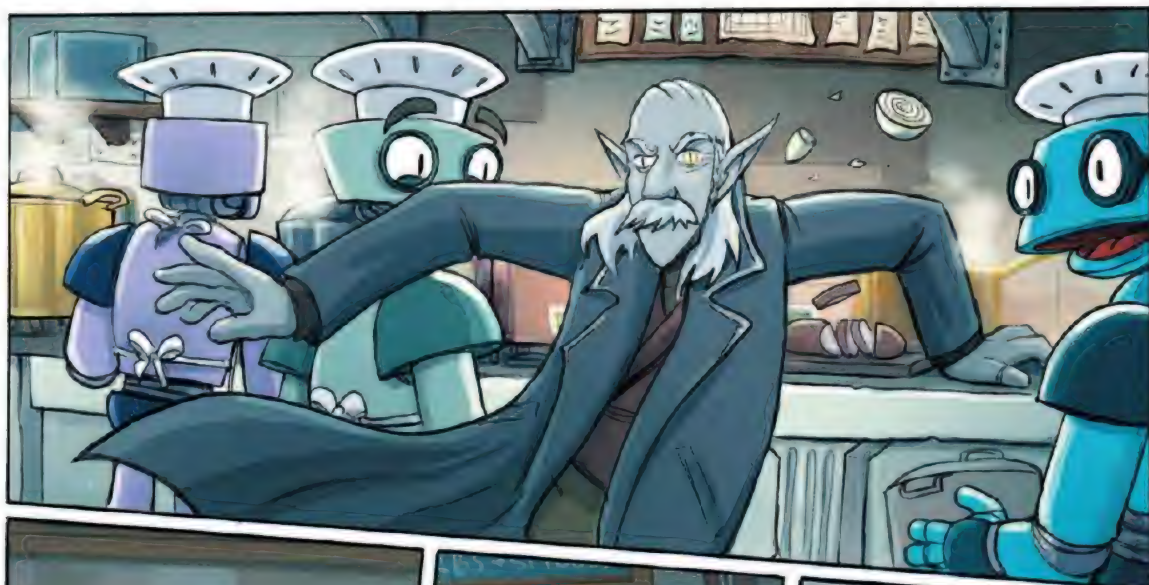
UNLESS YOU PLAN
TO PAY US MORE THAN
THE ELF KING FOR THIS
BOUNTY, I'M NOT
WALKING AWAY.



YOU ALWAYS
WERE A MERCENARY,
GRAVIS.

YOU HAVEN'T
CHANGED AT
ALL.

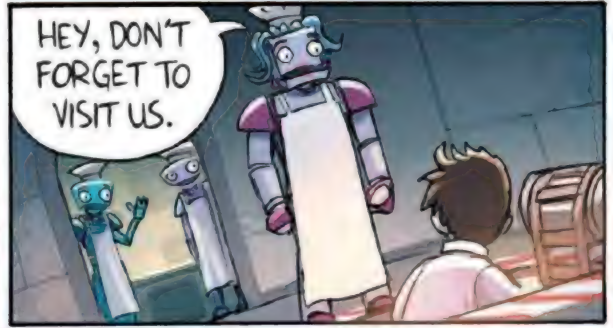


















VIGO!

WE HAVE TO
GET OUT OF HERE
RIGHT NOW!!



WE CAN LIFT
OFF AND COME
BACK AFTER THE
STORM PASSES!

IF WE WAIT
HERE, THE MOTH
IS GOING TO BE
PULVERIZED!



DO WHAT IS
NECESSARY.



RICO!

LET'S GET
READY FOR
LIFTOFF!

ALREADY
ON IT!

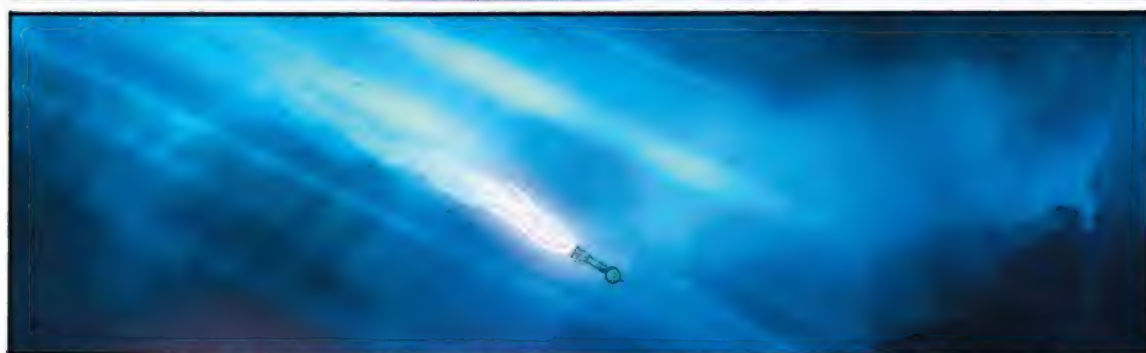


HOLD ON
TO YOUR
HATS!



GOOD LUCK,
STONEKEEPERS.











I HAVE TO
GO NOW.

DAD,
PLEASE
STAY.



REMEMBER
THAT IT'S EASIER TO
SEE WHERE LIGHT
IS COMING FROM
IN THE DARK.



THIS IS IMPORTANT
TO REMEMBER,
FOR WHEN ALL
THE LIGHTS GO
OUT.

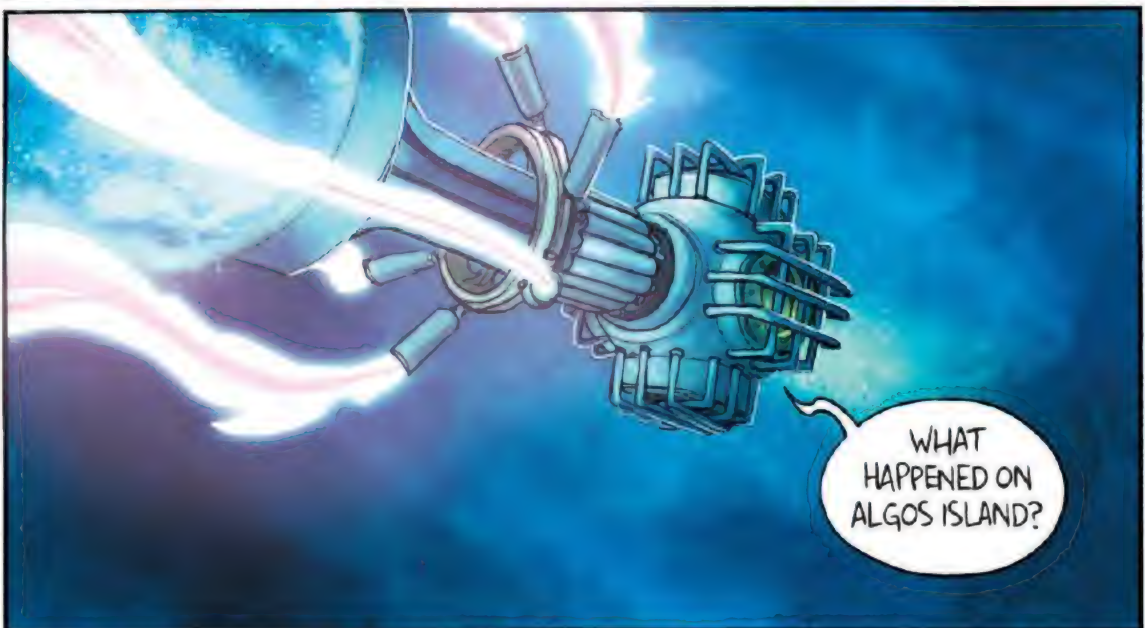


TAKE CARE
OF YOUR MOTHER
AND BROTHER.

YOU WILL COUNT
ON THEM AS MUCH
AS THEY COUNT
ON YOU NOW.











A STONEKEEPER LOST
CONTROL AND GREW
TO ENORMOUS SIZE.

AS THE FIGURE APPROACHED,
IT APPEARED TO BE ON FIRE.
GROWING. BURNING--

LIKE A TERRIBLE
FIRESTORM TAKING
THE SHAPE OF A MAN.



BROTHER!

WE MUST
LEAVE, NOW!



THE STONEKEEPER
DESTROYED EVERYTHING.
KILLED OUR BIRDS. LEFT
US WITH NOTHING.

I HAVE HATED
YOUR KIND
SINCE.



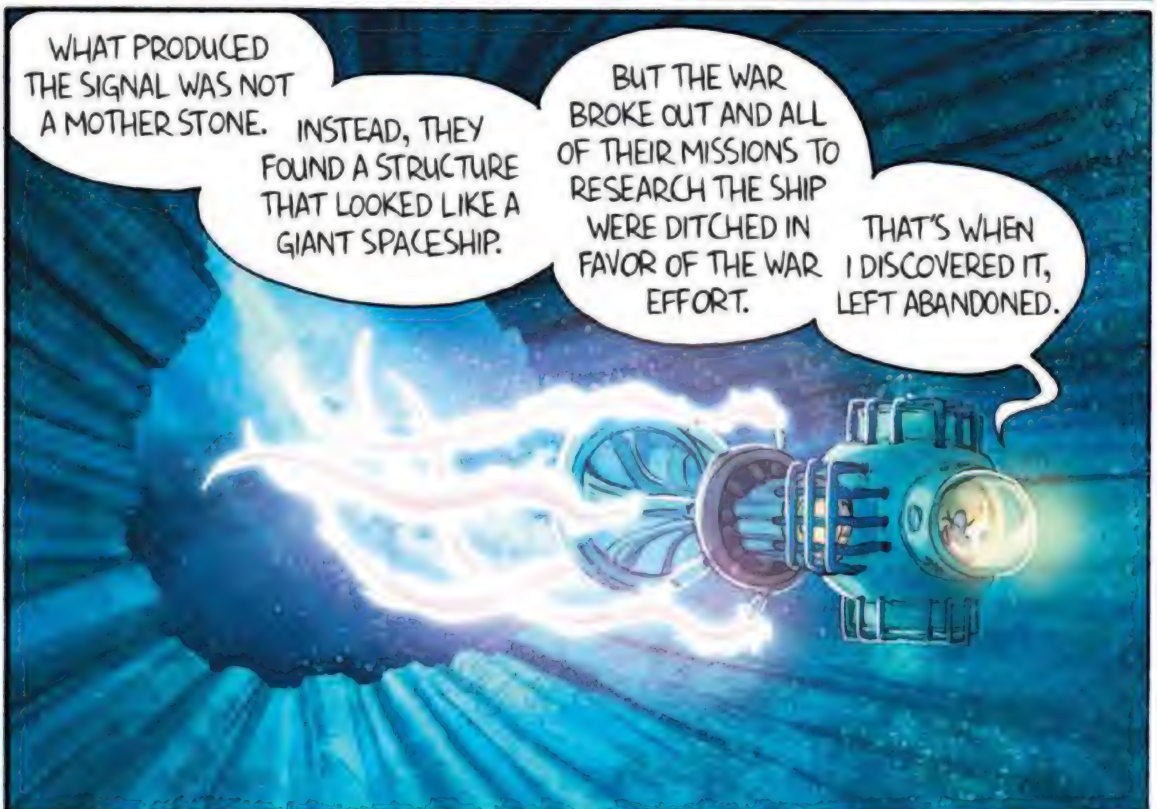
THEN WHY
ARE YOU HELPING
US?

BECAUSE I NOW
BELIEVE THAT WE
MAY BE AFTER THE
SAME THING.

THAT PERHAPS
YOU ARE AS MUCH
A VICTIM OF THE
STONE'S POWER
AS I AM.













I DISCOVERED
HE WAS A GOOD KID,
BUT VERY QUIET.

MOST PEOPLE
DID NOT EVEN
REALIZE HE WAS A
STONEKEEPER.

THOSE WHO
KNEW HIM SAID HE
FOUND THE STONE
IN THE WOODS BY
PURE CHANCE.

BUT I DON'T
THINK IT WAS
CHANCE.

I DON'T
THINK IT WAS
AN ACCIDENT.



YOU BELIEVE
THE STONE
FOUND HIM.

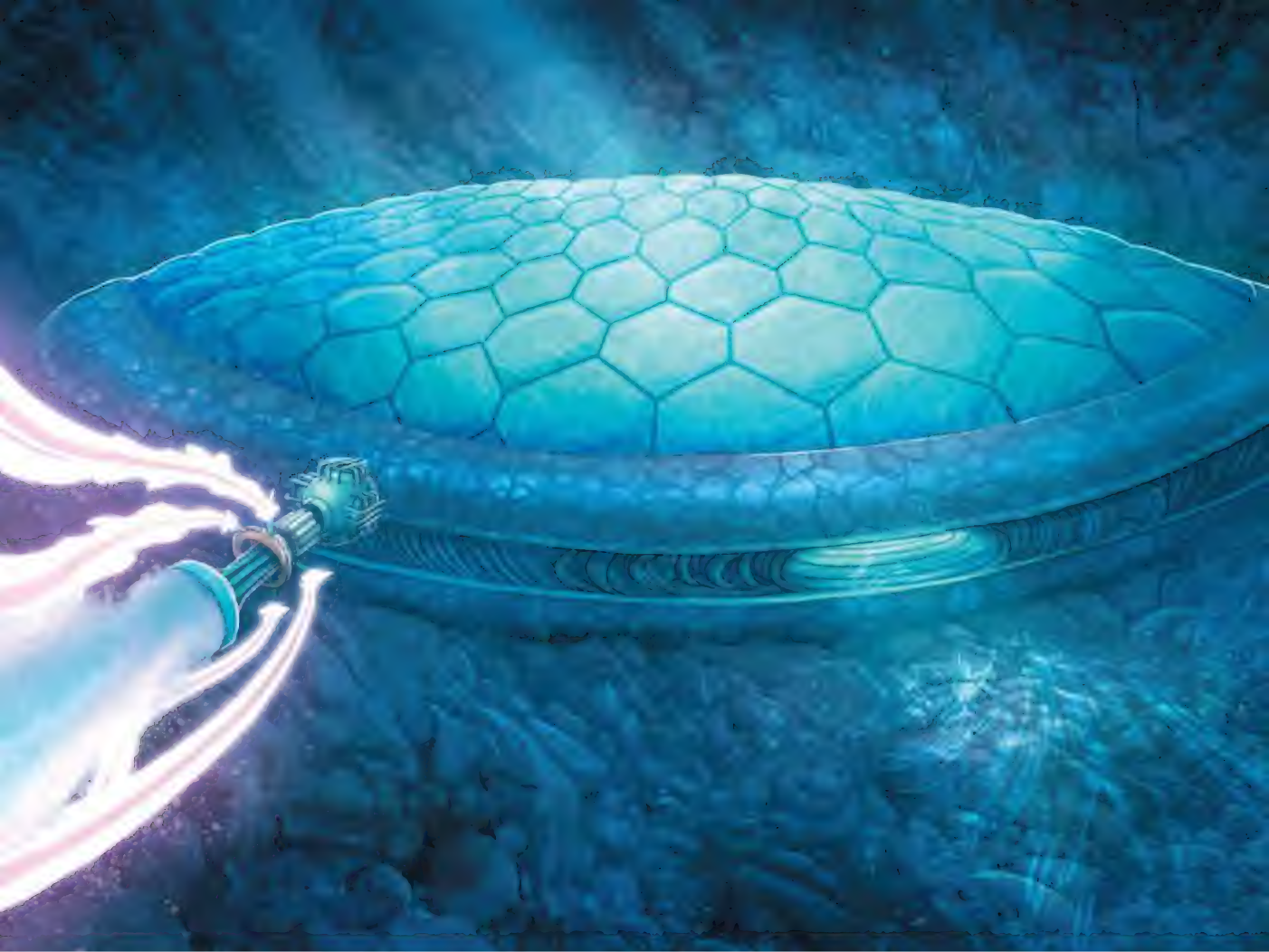


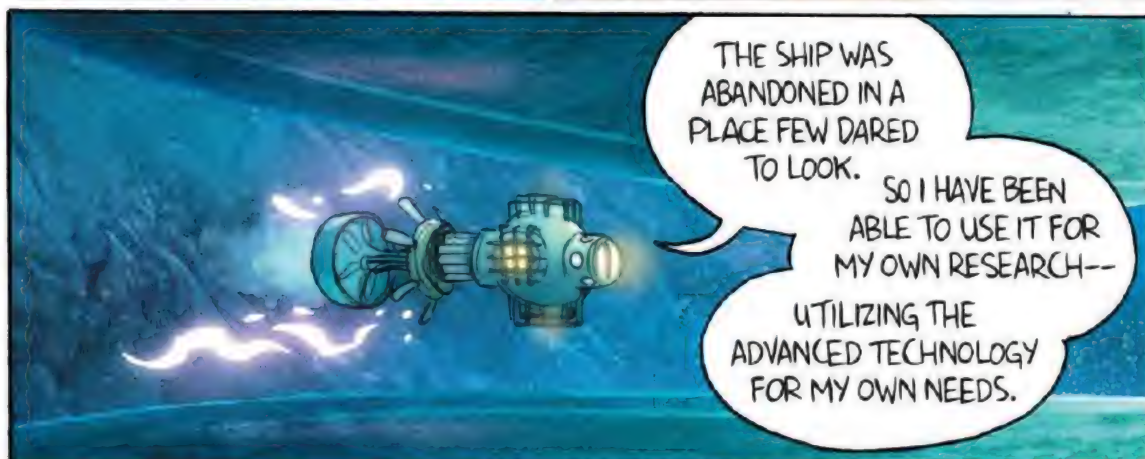
IT KNEW WHO WAS
MOST VULNERABLE
TO ITS POWER.

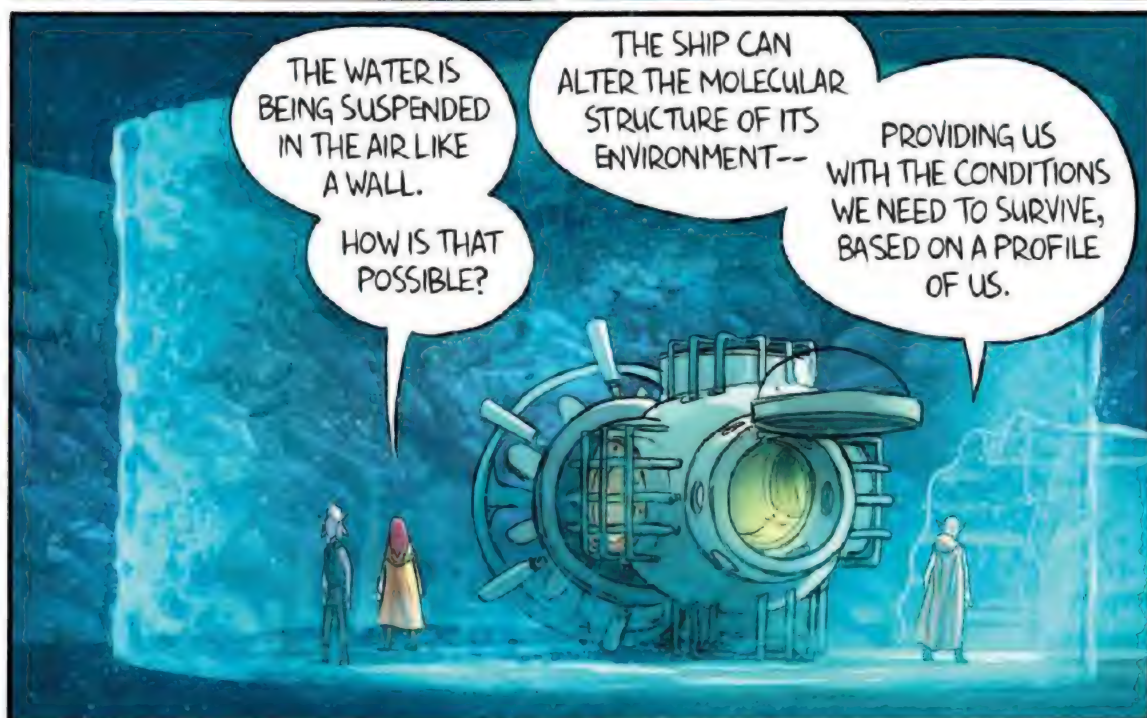
IT KNEW WHO IT
COULD TURN TO
ITS SIDE.



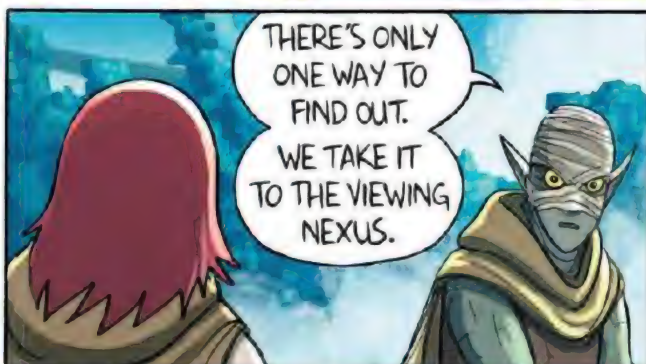




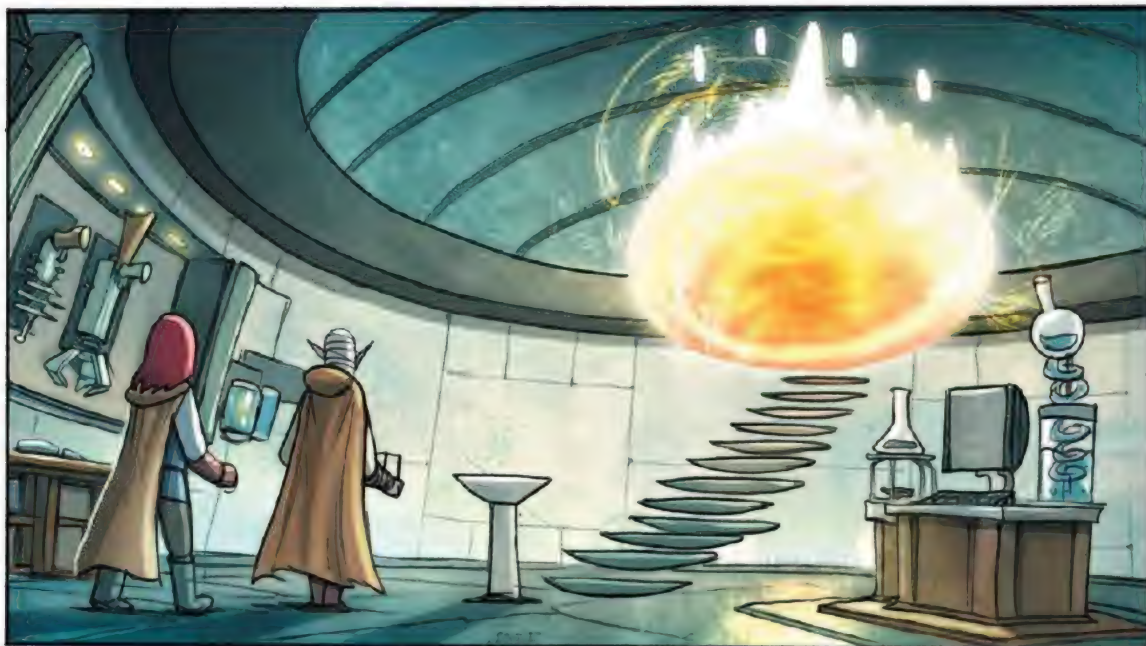


















JUDGING BY THE ENVIRONMENT, I'M GOING TO GUESS WE ARE IN VALCOR.

YES.

WE ARE AT MY HOME.



I REMEMBER WALKING DOWN THIS HALLWAY MANY TIMES AS A CHILD.

IT USUALLY MEANT THAT I WAS IN TROUBLE.



IT LEADS TO MY FATHER'S CHAMBER.



IS THAT-- YOU?

IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO MASK MY DISAPPOINTMENT IN YOUR TRAINING.



YES.

UNCLE VIRGIL HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG!

HE ASKS TOO MANY QUESTIONS.

THAT SHOULD NOT BE A CRIME!



YOUR FOCUS NEEDS
TO BE ON MILITARY
TRAINING EXERCISES.
NOT HISTORY
LESSONS.

STUDYING THE
HISTORY OF ALLEDIA
IS AN INTEGRAL PART
OF MY TRAINING!



YOUR SHIFT AWAY
FROM TACTICS WORRIES
ME, AND I BELIEVE YOUR
CURRENT INTERESTS TO
BE A DANGEROUS
INFLUENCE.



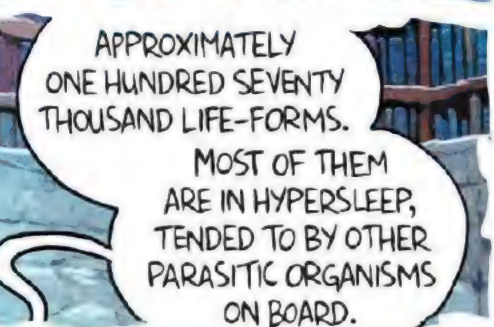
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NOT UNDERSTANDING
THE TRUTH OF HOW
THINGS HAPPEN.

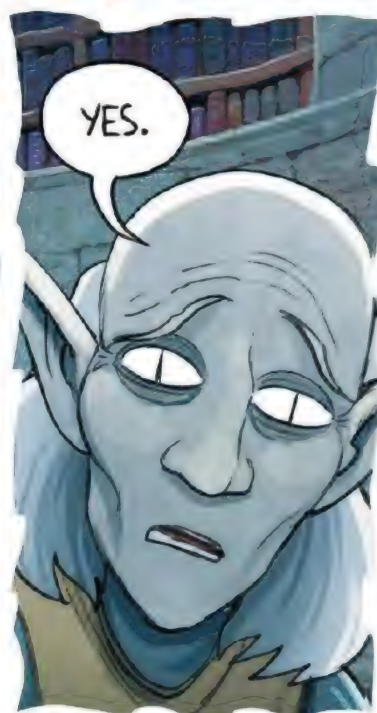
IT IS WHAT UNCLE
VIRGIL ALWAYS
TEACHES.

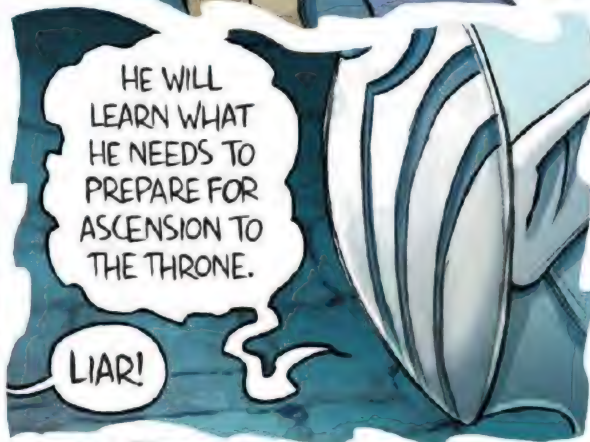
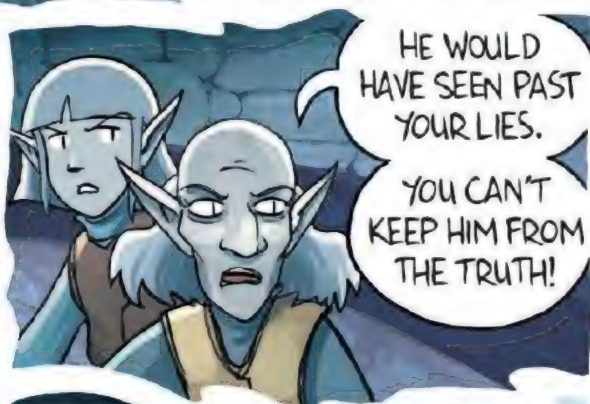


UNCLE VIRGIL
IS NOT SOMEONE
WHO CAN BE
TRUSTED. I DON'T WANT
YOU ASSOCIATING
WITH HIM FROM
NOW ON.

I DON'T WANT
HIM POISONING
YOUR MIND.









FOLLOWING WITHOUT QUESTIONING WILL LEAD TO OUR COLLECTIVE DEMISE.

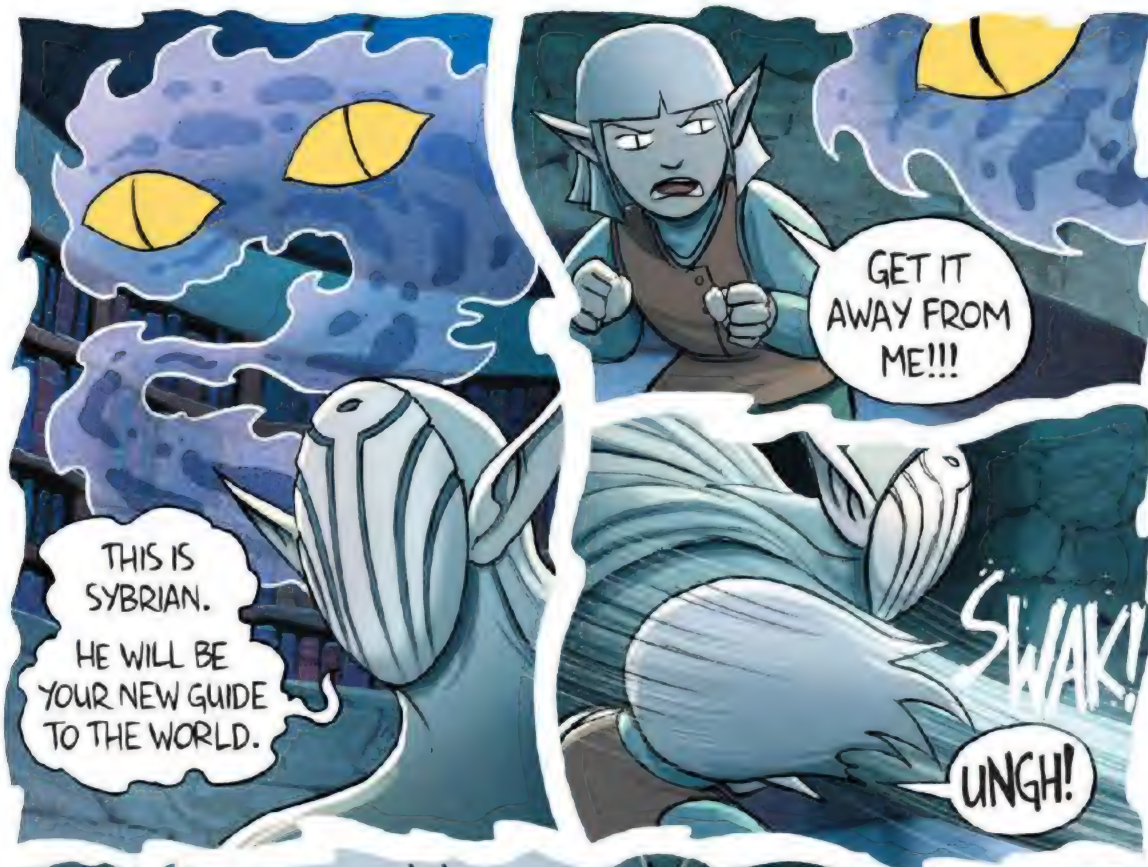
WE'LL GET OUT OF THIS, UNCLE.

NO, WE WONT.

THEY WILL GET RID OF ME AND MAKE YOU FORGET.

WHATEVER HAPPENS-- TRY TO REMEMBER.

TRELLIS, I WANT YOU TO MEET SOMEONE.





I'VE SEEN
ENOUGH.



YOUR FATHER
IS NOT THE ONE
WE NEED TO
WORRY ABOUT.

THE VOICE MUST
BE CONTROLLING
THE KING THE WAY
HE TRIES TO TAKE
CONTROL OF US.



HE'S BEEN
TRYING TO USE
US TO PREPARE
FOR THE ARRIVAL
OF THOSE SHIPS.



TRYING?

HOW DO WE
KNOW HE IS NOT
SUCCEEDING?



EVERYTHING WE HAVE
DONE SEEMS TO WORK
TO HIS ADVANTAGE.

AT WHAT
POINT HAVE WE
EVER BEEN IN
CONTROL?



THE VOICE
COMMANDED ME
TO DESTROY YOU,
TRELIS.



I MANAGED
TO PUSH BACK
AND DECIDED
TO SPARE YOU.

YOU'RE NOT
HERE BECAUSE
OF THE VOICE.



YOU'RE HERE
BECAUSE OF
ME.



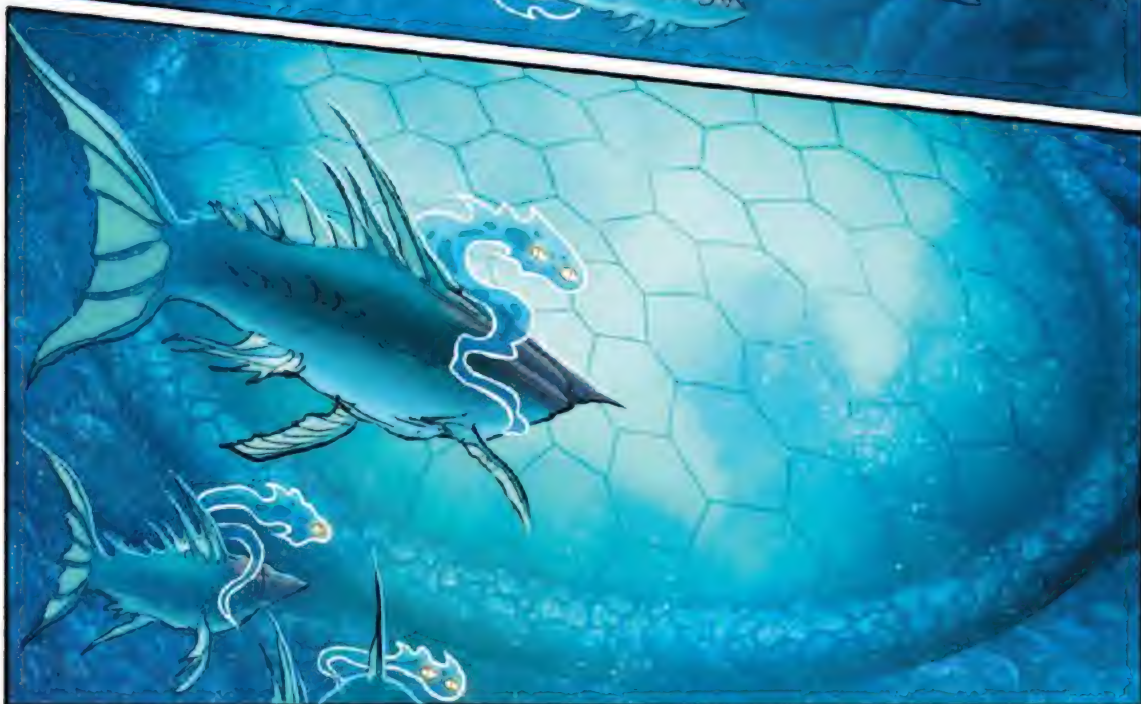
THEN I HOPE
YOU MADE THE
RIGHT DECISION.



LET'S
GO.









THEY'RE GOING
TO BREAK THROUGH
THE DOME AND TRY TO
FLUSH US OUT.

THIS STATION IS
COMPROMISED.







ARE
WE STILL IN
VALCOR?

LOOKS LIKE
VALCOR, BUT
SOMETHING'S
NOT RIGHT.



HERE.

THESE RELIEFS
ARE WRITTEN IN A
LANGUAGE THAT I DO
NOT RECOGNIZE.



THIS MUST
BE WHERE THE
SHADOWS COME
FROM.

IF SO, THEN
WE ARE VERY FAR
FROM HOME.



I SEE
SOME FAMILIAR
FACES.











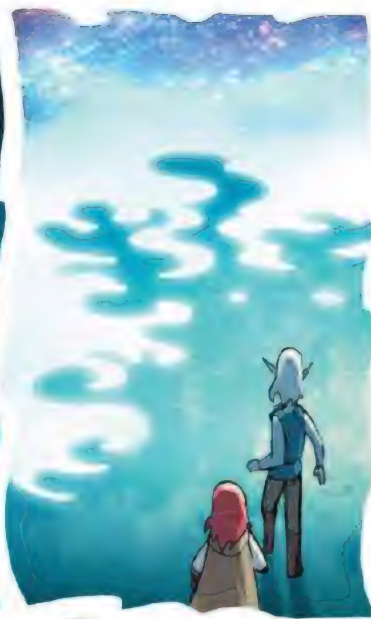


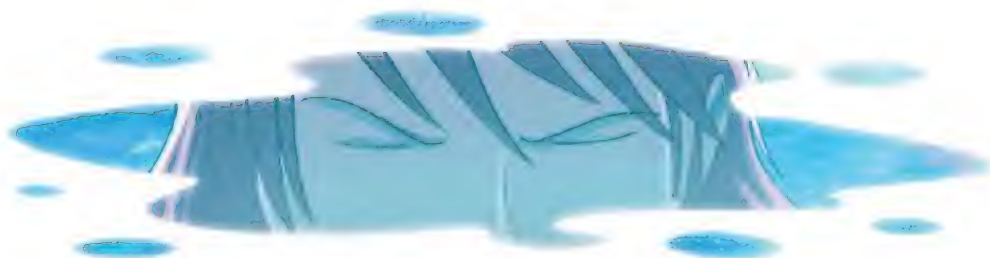












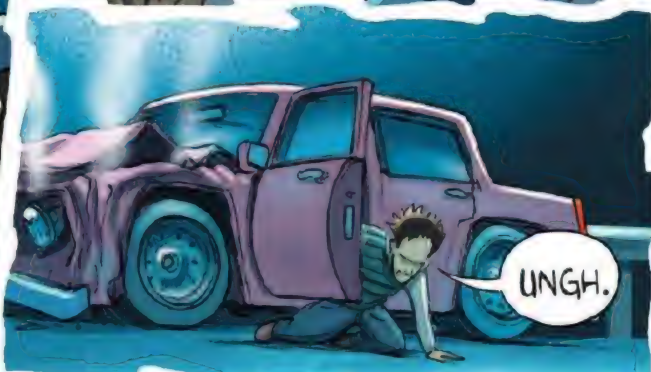




















WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE?!

GO HELP THEM!



HELP THEM!!!



HEY!



DON'T RUN AWAY!



THIS IS YOUR FAULT!



EMILY!



EMILY, WAIT!















LEAVE
ME ALONE!



I CAN'T
TAKE THIS
ANYMORE.



YOU'VE BEEN IN
MY HEAD FOR
TOO LONG.
I DID EVERY-
THING YOU ASKED
ME TO DO.



NOW, PLEASE
GO AWAY.



EVERYTHING--
I ASKED?



I WASN'T
TALKING TO
YOU.



I WAS
TALKING
ABOUT HIM.



DON'T
LISTEN TO HIM,
EMILY.



HE'S LOST
HIS MIND.

NO.



THERE'S ONE
WAY TO MAKE
EVERYTHING
RIGHT.



MAKE HIM PAY
FOR WHAT HE DID
TO OUR FAMILY.

MAKE HIM SUFFER
FOR THE GRIEF HE
HAS CAUSED US,

FOR THE GRIEF
HE HAS CAUSED
YOU.



EMILY!



HE TOOK TOO
MUCH AWAY
FROM US!

HE HURT OUR
FAMILY AND HE
MUST PAY!



EMILY,
NO!!!



MAKE HIM
PAY!!



MAKE HIM
PAY!!!















I AM A
SERVANT OF
THE SHADOWS.

AND SO
ARE YOU.



NO!

I SERVE THE
ELVES, AS THEIR
TRUE KING!



HOW WILL YOU
SERVE THEM IF THEY
BELIEVE YOU ARE
DEAD?



THE FUTURE KING
FOUND DEAD, ALONE
AT THE BOTTOM OF
THE OCEAN.



WHEN THEY
FOUND HIM THEY
UNCOVERED A
MYSTERY.



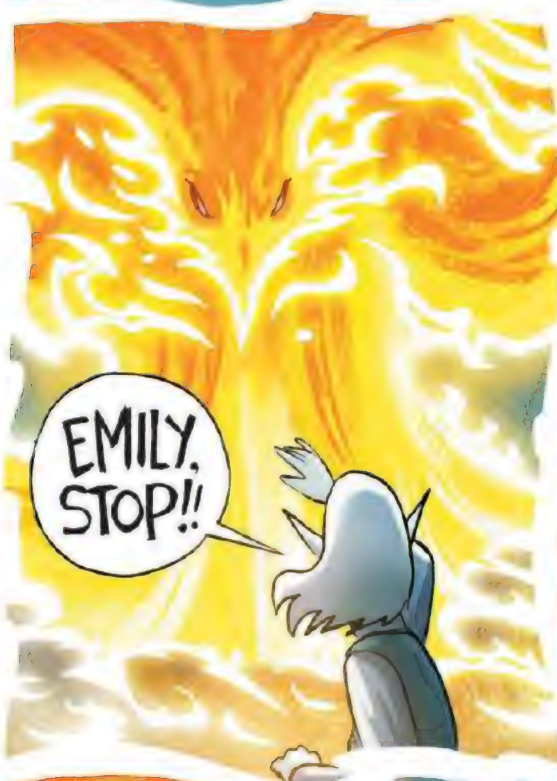
LEGEND
HAS IT THAT
HE WAS BURNED
TO A CRISP.

EMILY,
NO.



HOW CAN
THAT BE?





EMILY,
STOP!!



YOU SAVED
LUGER AND ME
FROM THIS
CURSE!

IT CAN BE
REVERSED!



BUT YOU
NEED TO SHOW
ME HOW!
I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO
HELP YOU!



FWOON!!

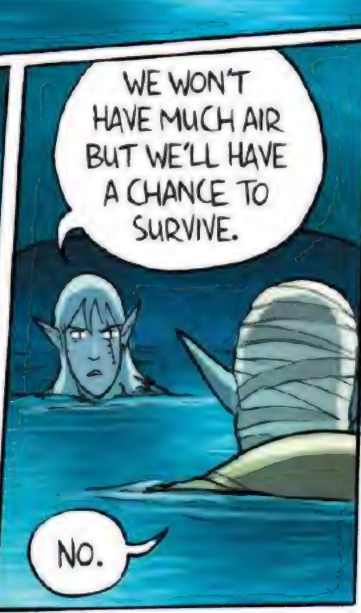




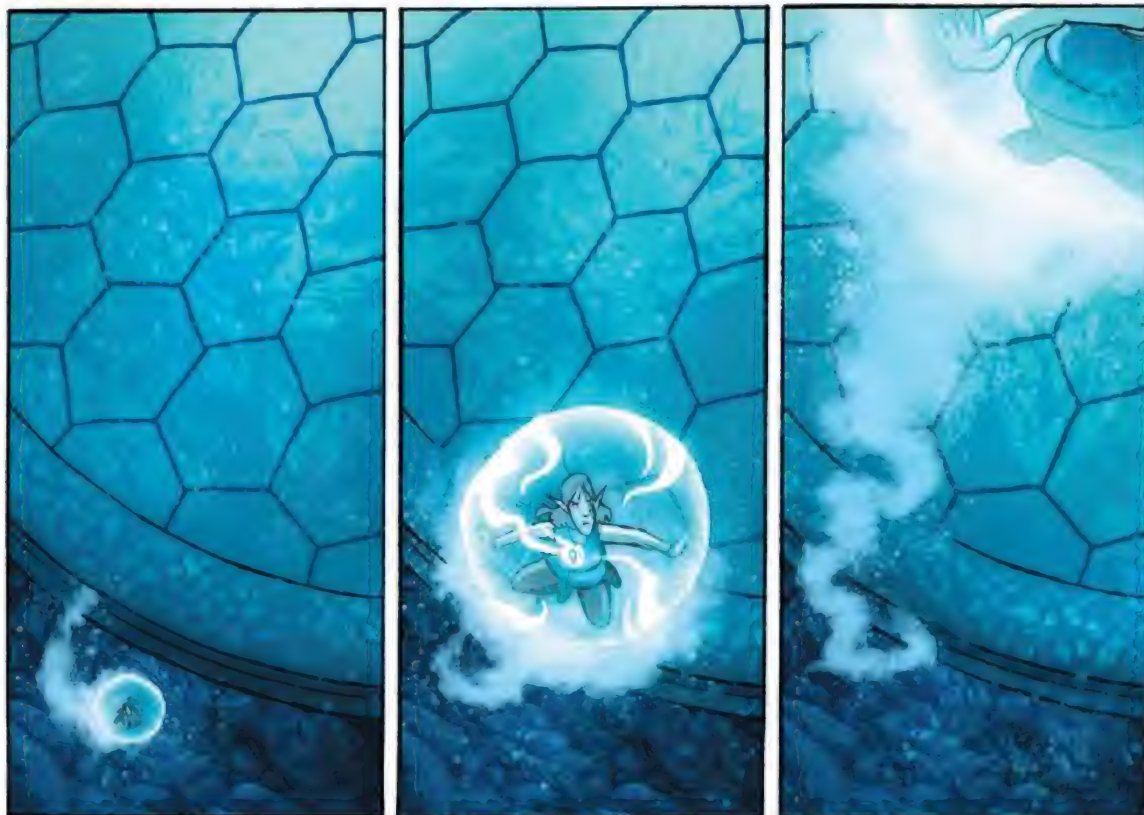














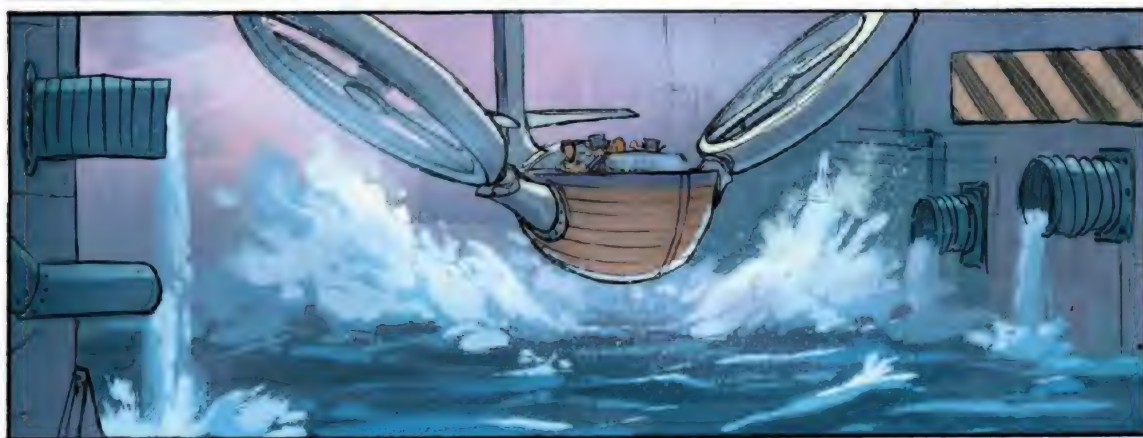
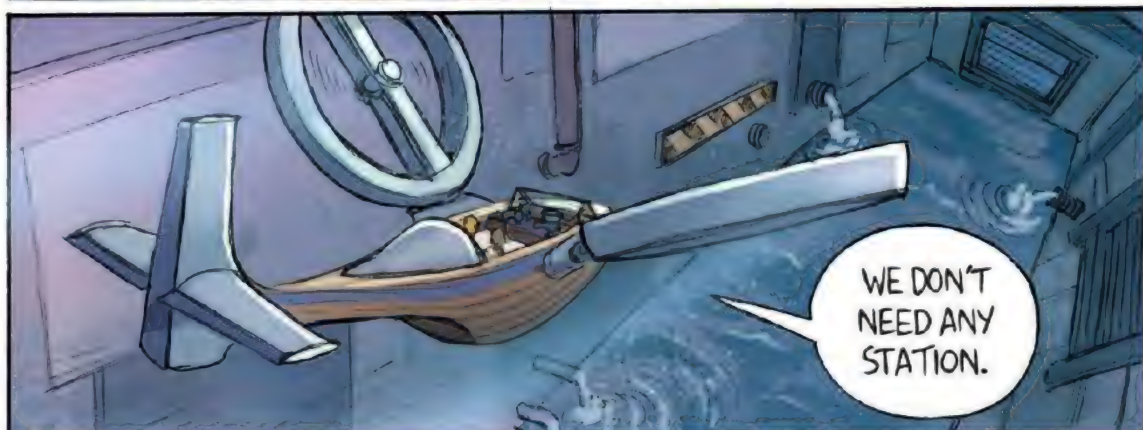
















FRONTERA'S AIRPORT
WAS DESTROYED BY CHRONOS
THE MOUNTAIN GIANT.

IT WAS NEVER
REPAIRED AND THIS
CITY HASN'T RECOVERED
SINCE THE ATTACK.



MOST OF FRONTERA'S
CITIZENS LEFT. VERY FEW
STAYED BEHIND.

IT PROVIDED
US WITH A PERFECT
OPPORTUNITY.

AFTER THE CITIZENS
BEGAN TO LEAVE, WE
SLOWLY STARTED TO
MOVE IN HERE.



MOST OF THE
UNDERGROUND
INFRASTRUCTURE
REMAINED INTACT.

AND THE CITY
IS RELATIVELY
NEW.



IT TURNED OUT TO BE
A PERFECT CANDIDATE
FOR OUR NEW HOME
BASE.

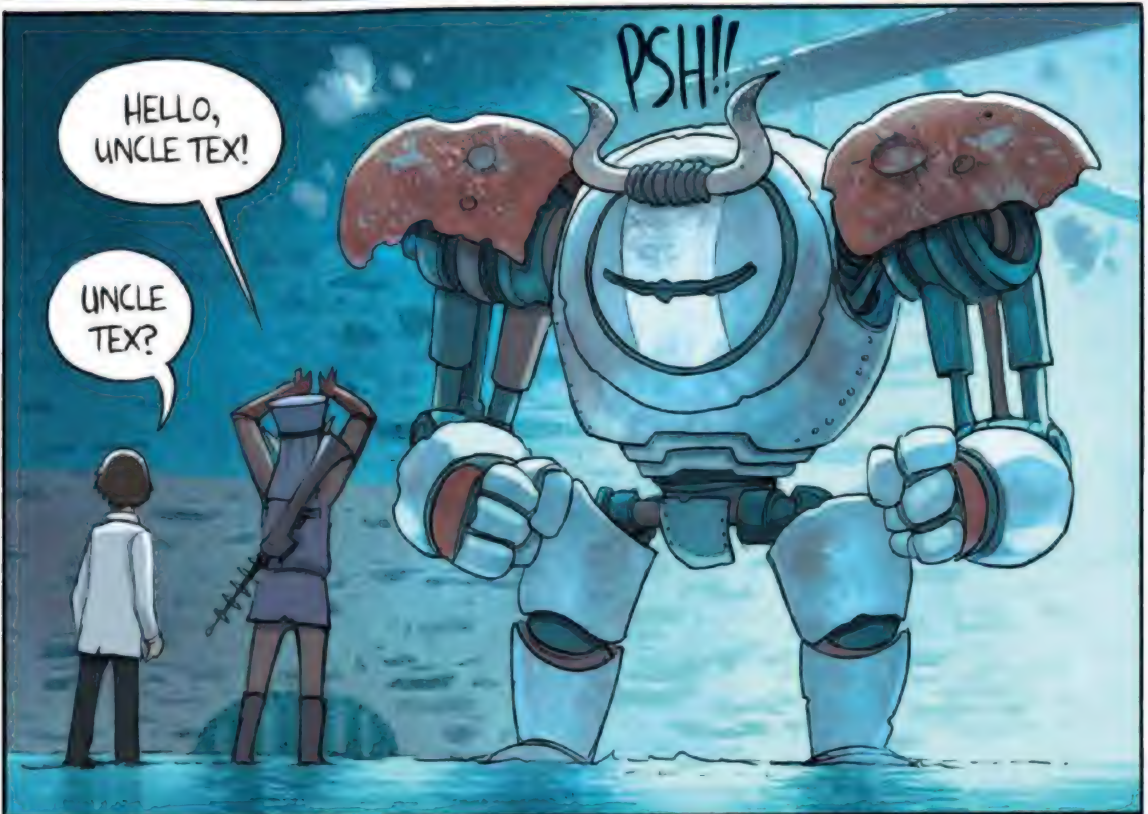


HOME BASE
FOR WHO?

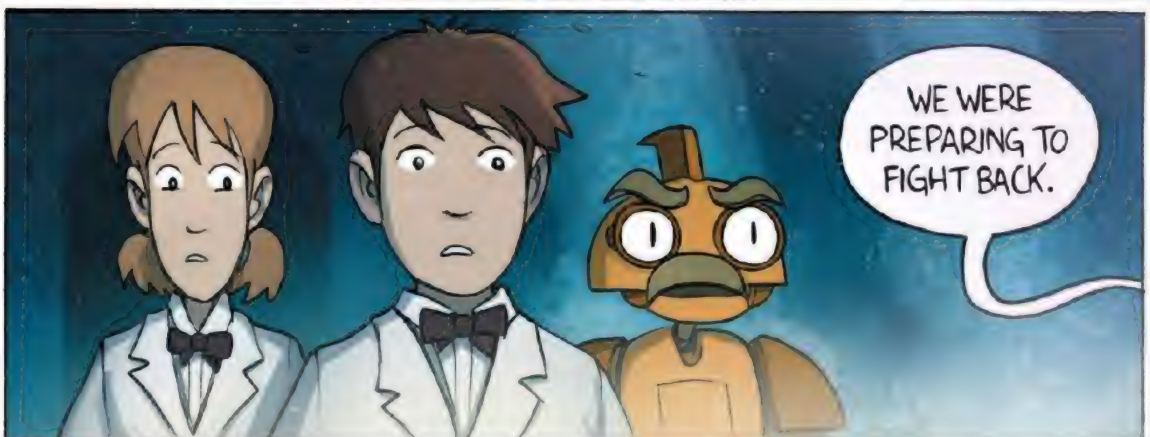


FOR THE NEW
RESISTANCE.

WELCOME HOME,
COMMANDER.





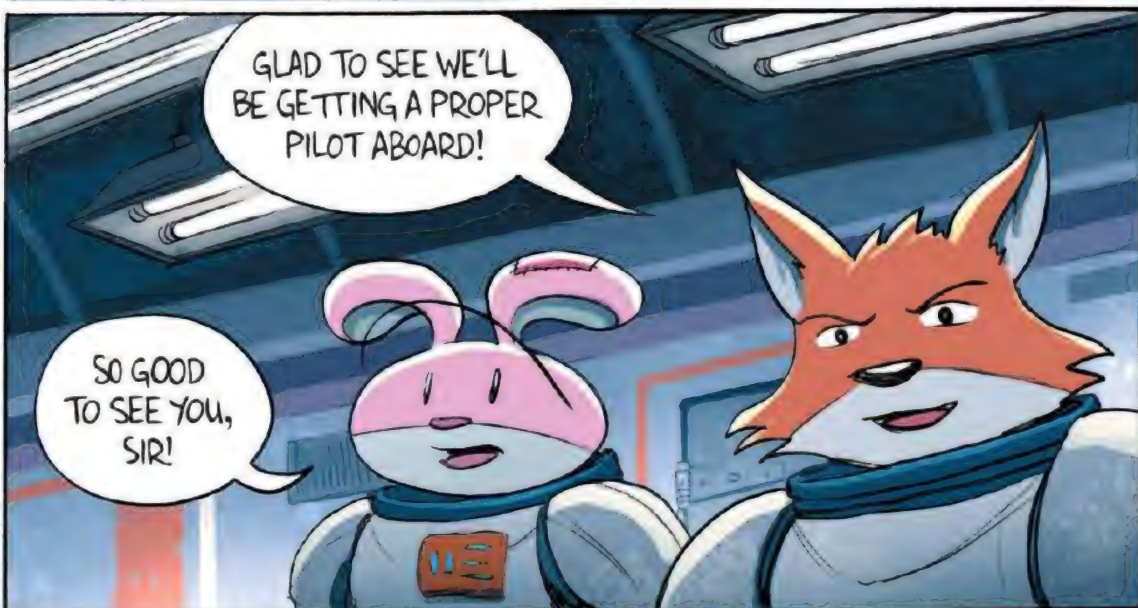


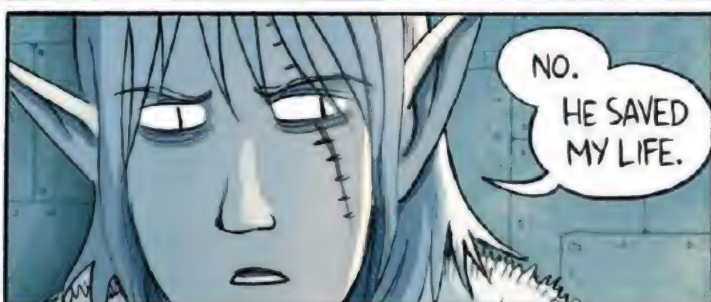


FRONTERA HAS SERVED
AS AN UNDERGROUND BASE
FOR THE RESISTANCE ON
ALLEDIA,

BUT OUR MAIN BASE OF
OPERATIONS IS LOCATED
ABOVE THE PLANET'S
ATMOSPHERE.











MY MASTERS HAVE
ASKED ME TO PREPARE
THIS PLANET FOR THEIR
ARRIVAL.

THEY PLAN TO
MAKE ALLEDIA THEIR
NEW HOME.



YOU ARE GOING
TO BE AN IMPORTANT
PART OF THAT PLAN.

I HOPE YOU
UNDERSTAND.



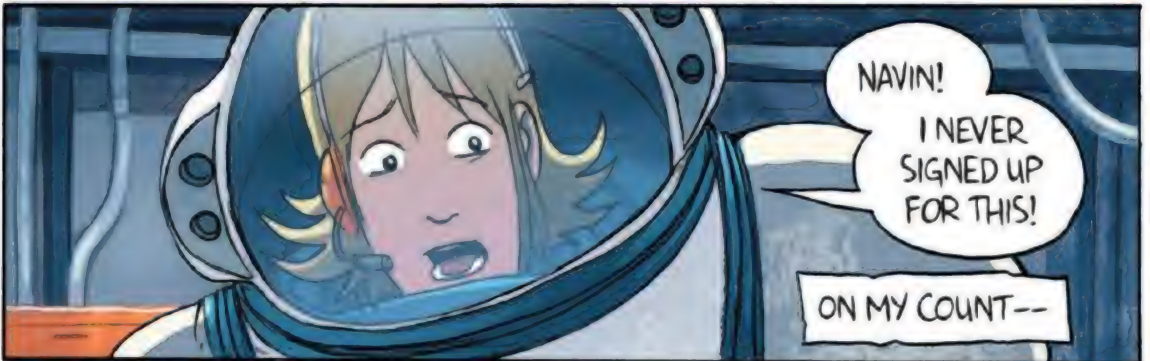
THERE WILL NOT BE
ENOUGH ROOM FOR
ALLEDIA'S CURRENT
INHABITANTS.

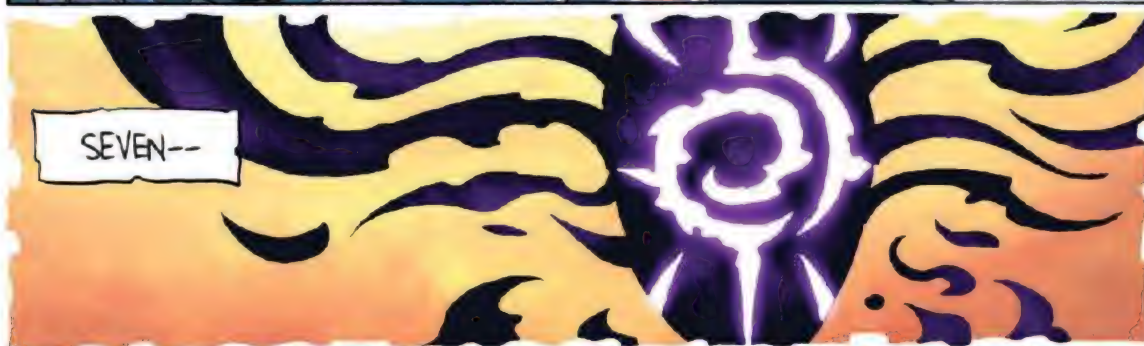
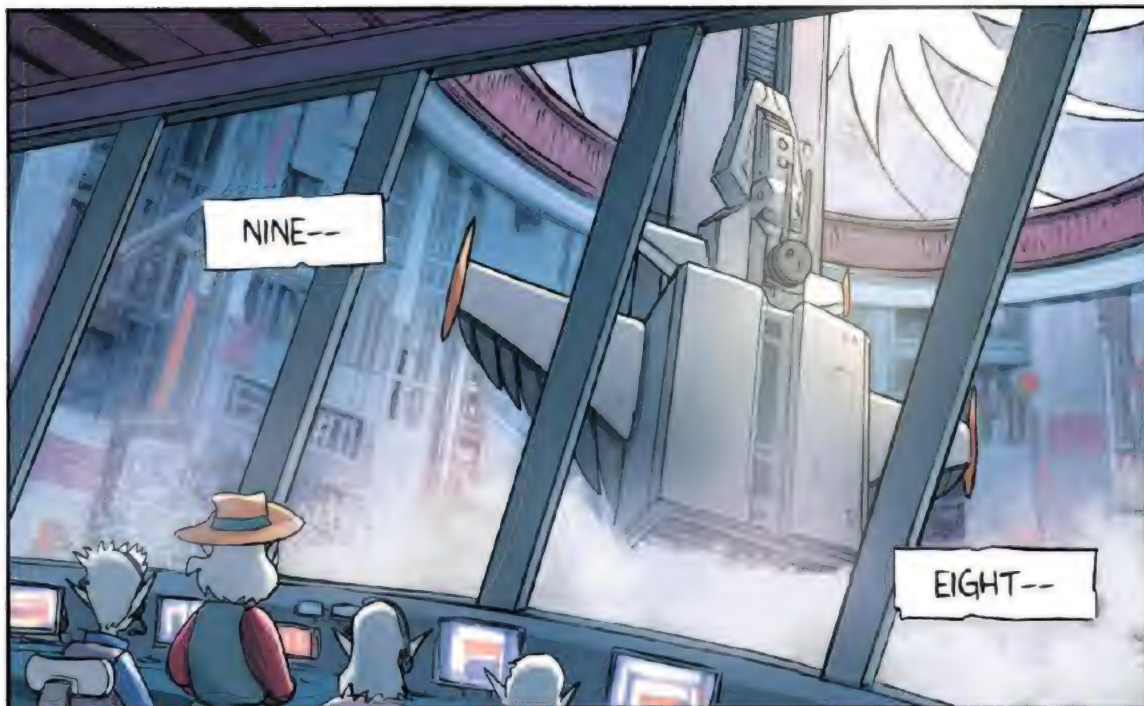
THAT MEANS YOUR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY WILL
NEED TO BE REMOVED.

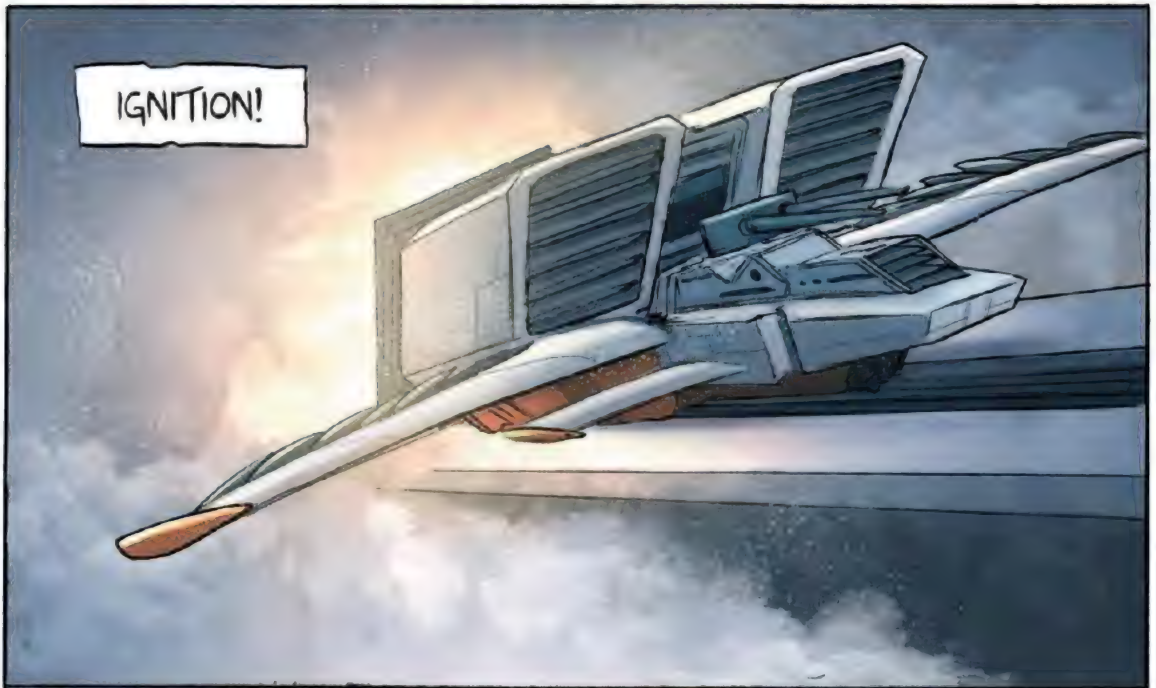


I WON'T BE THE
ONE TO DO IT.

IT WILL BE YOU.









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